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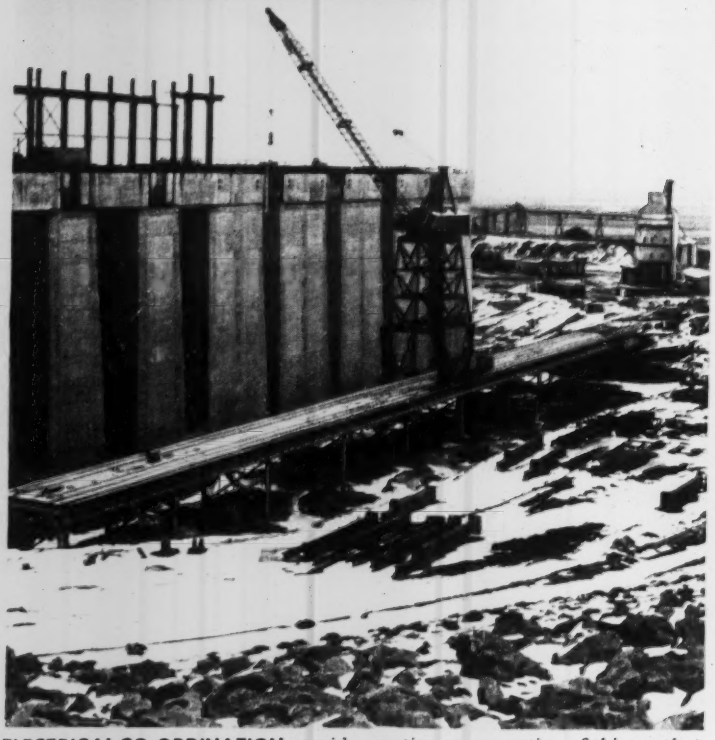
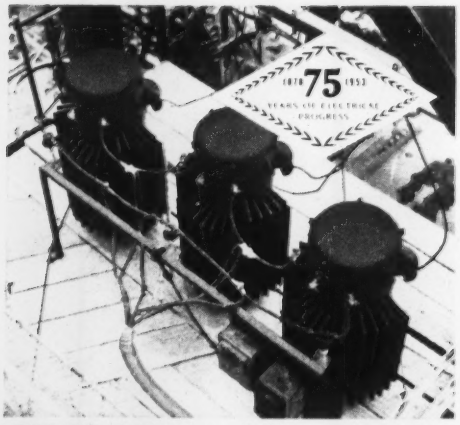
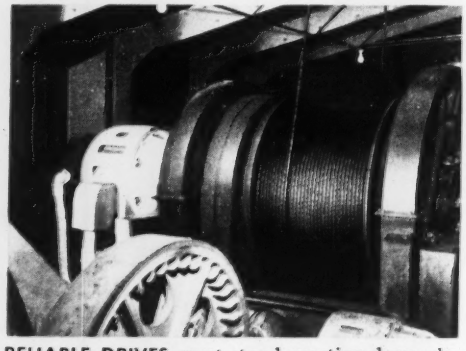


ELECTRICAL CO-ORDINATION provides continuous operation of this revolver crane 100 feet above the base of the huge intake structure. Movement along trestle is powered by a G-E 200-hp Type MR motor at foot of the gantry.



ADEQUATE POWER to maintain smooth, dependable crane performance is stepped down by these portable G-E transformers.



RELIABLE DRIVES must stand exacting demands of this revolver crane. G-E 200-hp motors and control are key to this application.

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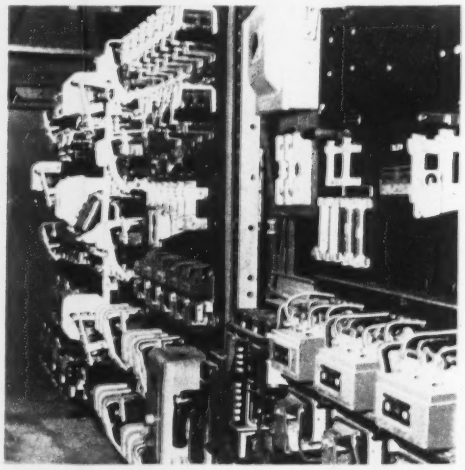

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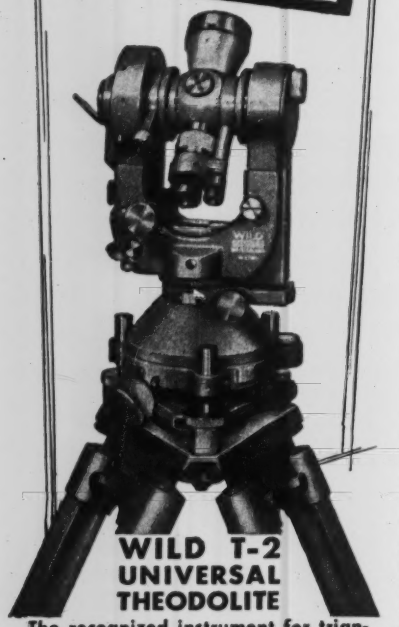

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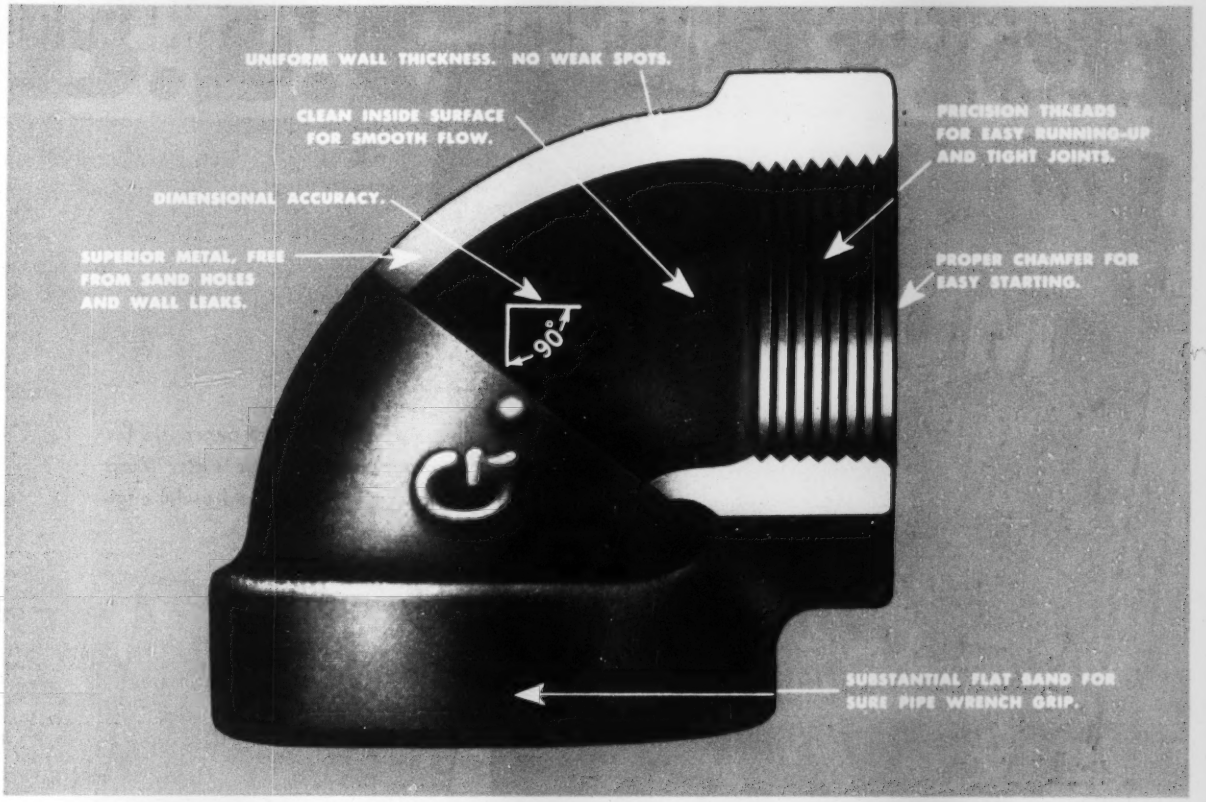
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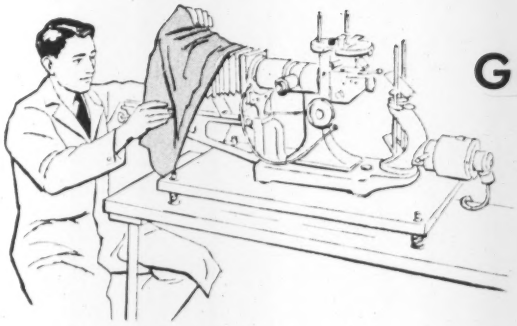

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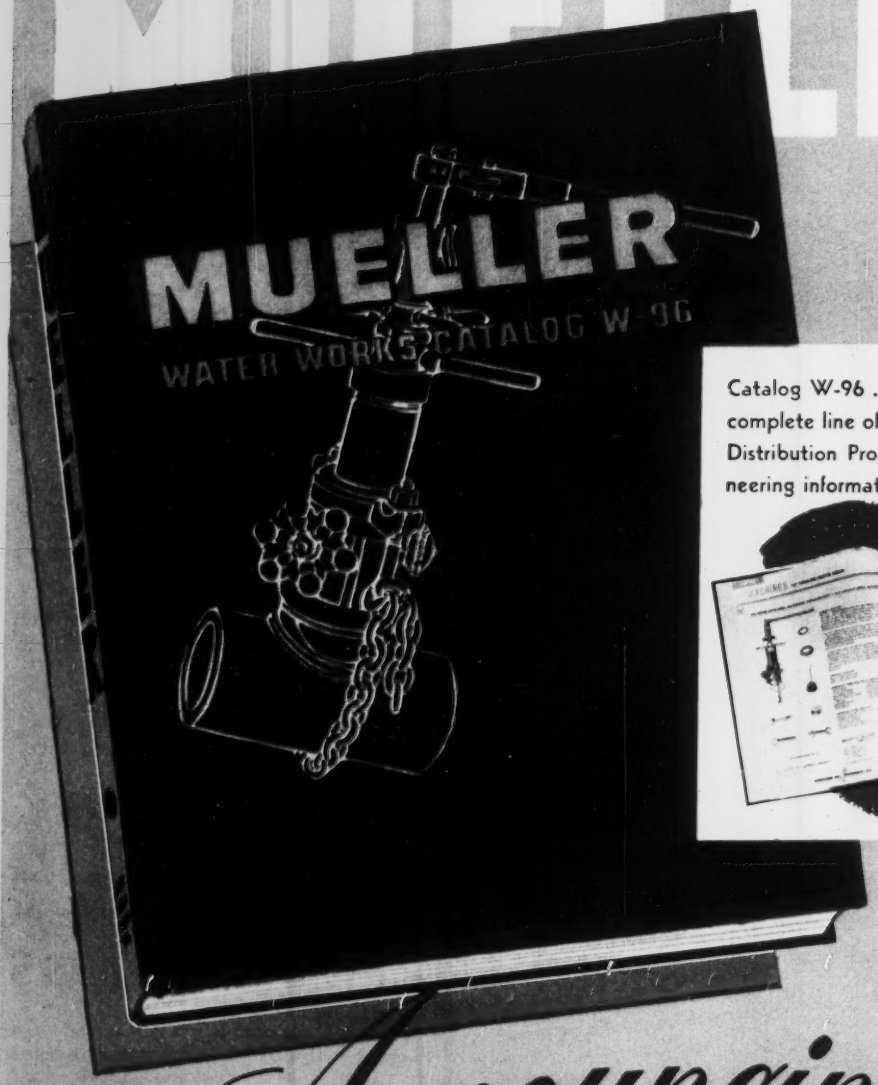

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To avoid this danger, Kessler uses B. F. Goodrich off-the-road tires. Foreman Rufus Steiger (above, right) reports they prevent side-slip, give much better service than any other make of tire.

The B. F. Goodrich Universal tire grips with husky, wedge-shaped cleats. The cleats are non-directional to give positive traction in reverse or forward and to guard against slippage. You pull through the toughest jobs without wasting time and money on bogged-down trucks. And the tread is made of specially-compounded rubber that resists cuts and snags.

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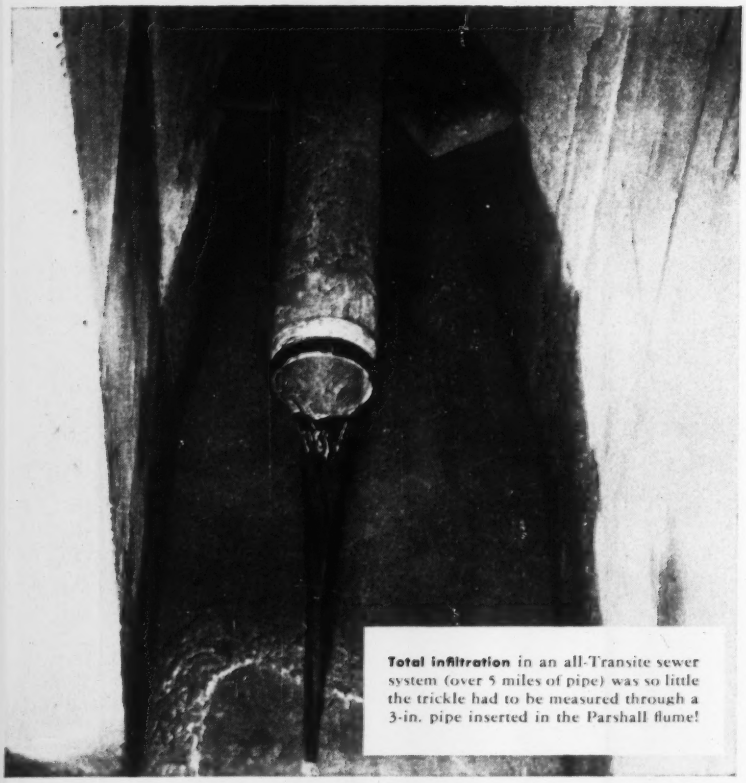

Total infiltration in an all-Transite sewer system (over 5 miles of pipe) was so little the trickle had to be measured through a 3-in. pipe inserted in the Parshall flume!

—Because of this tight joint used with Transite® Sewer Pipe

THE reduction of ground-water infiltration brought about by the Transite Joint—now standard on all sizes of Transite Sewer Pipe—can lead to a number of cost-saving results.

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For further information on how this Transite Joint, used with corrosion resistant asbestos-cement Transite Pipe can help reduce your sewage costs, write Johns-Manville, Box 60, New York 16, N. Y. Ask for folder TR-103A.

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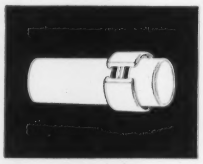

Two rubber rings and Transite Sleeve (cut away) can be assembled quickly over Transite Pipe ends to make an effectively tight joint. These flexible joints effectively absorb vibration, help compensate for soil movements.

TIGHT ALL THE WAY

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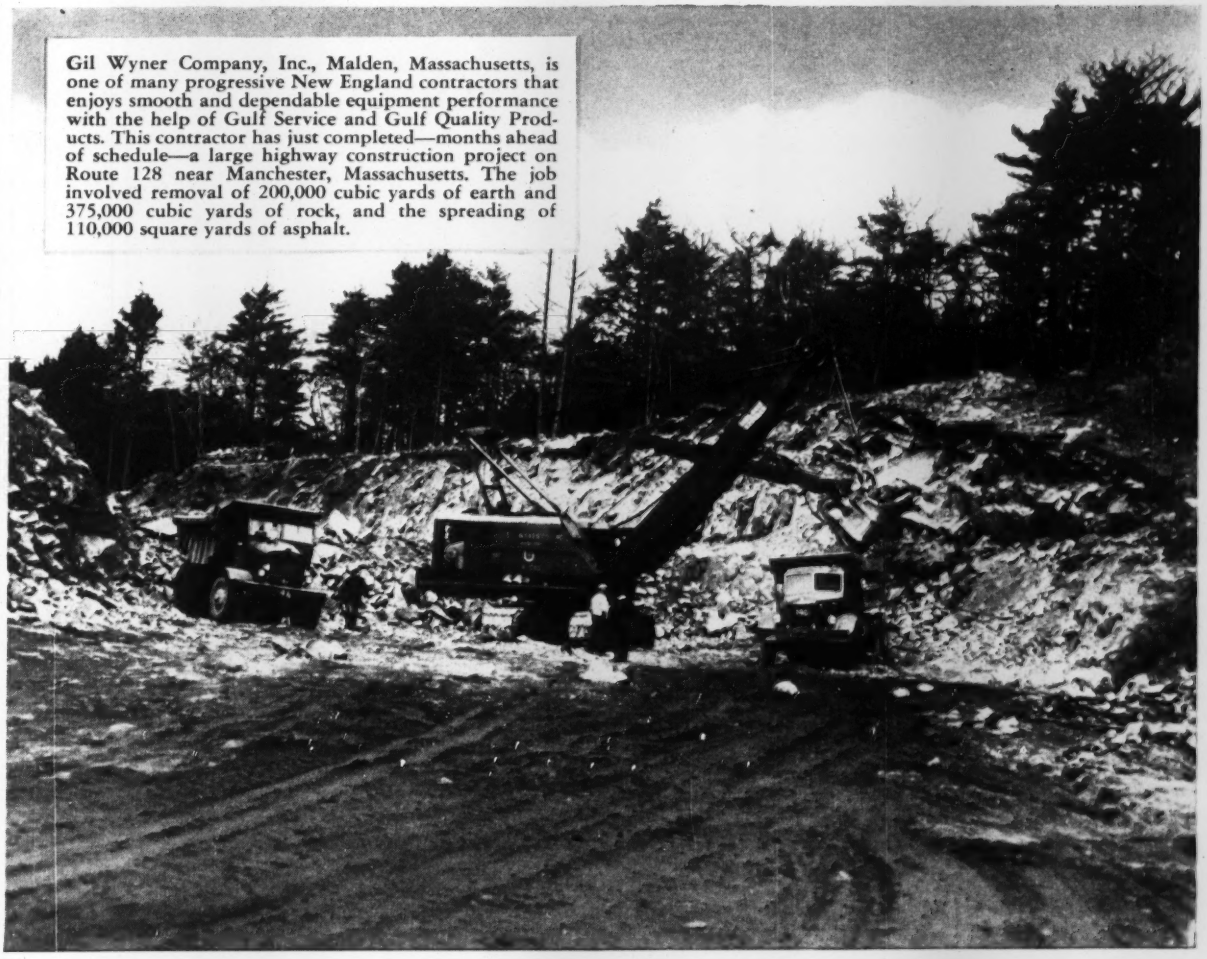

Gil Wyner Company, Inc., Malden, Massachusetts, is one of many progressive New England contractors that enjoys smooth and dependable equipment performance with the help of Gulf Service and Gulf Quality Products. This contractor has just completed—months ahead of schedule—a large highway construction project on Route 128 near Manchester, Massachusetts. The job involved removal of 200,000 cubic yards of earth and 375,000 cubic yards of rock, and the spreading of 110,000 square yards of asphalt.

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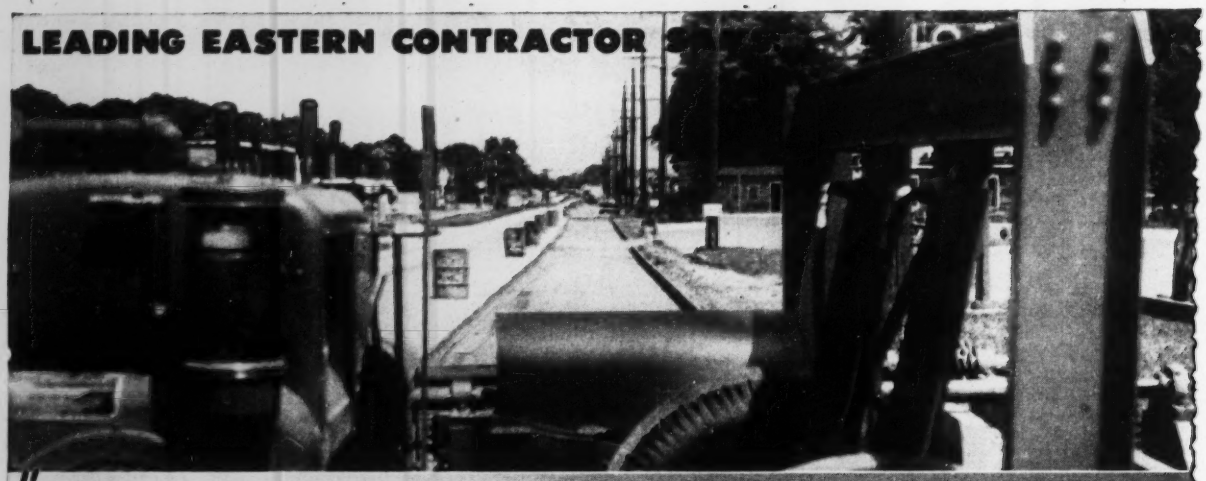

"Detroit Special Finishing Machine Ideal for Patch and Run Repair Operation on Route 1"

Flex-Plane's amazingly portable Detroit Special finishing machine, that is almost daily establishing production records in the slab finishing of streets, highways and airports, recently proved itself to be the ideal machine for the patch-and-run operation of road maintenance.

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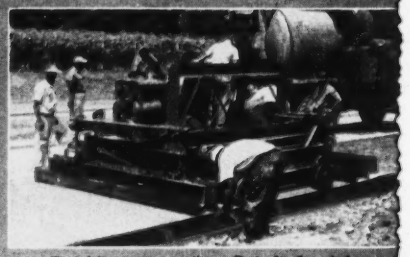

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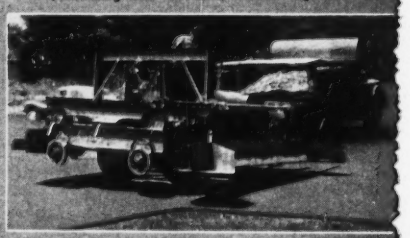

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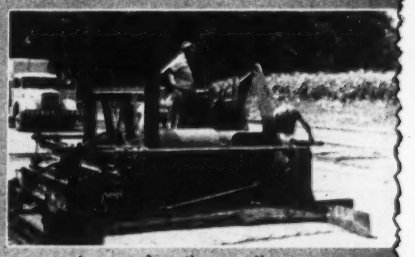

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The Flexible Road Joint Machine Company

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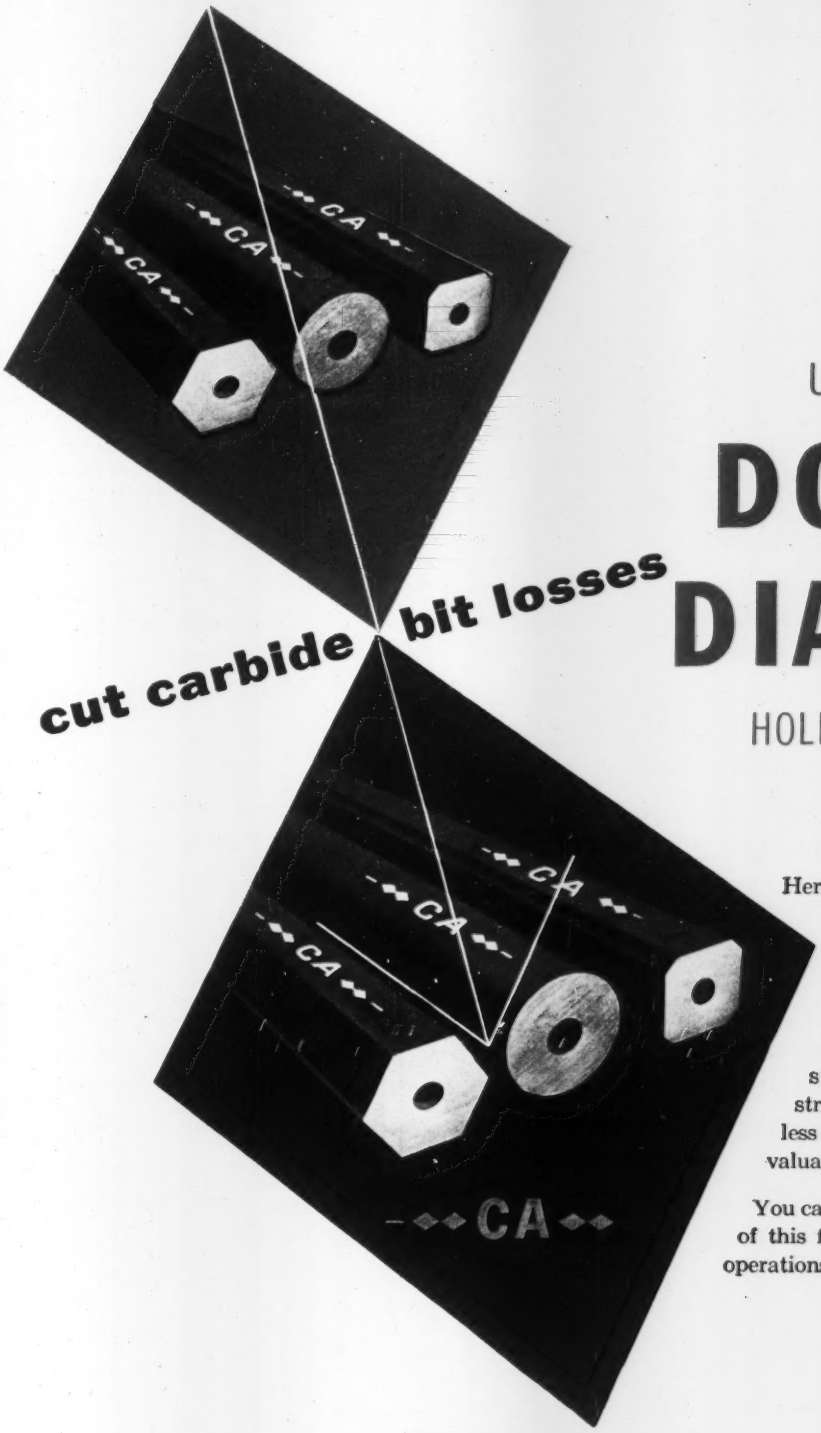

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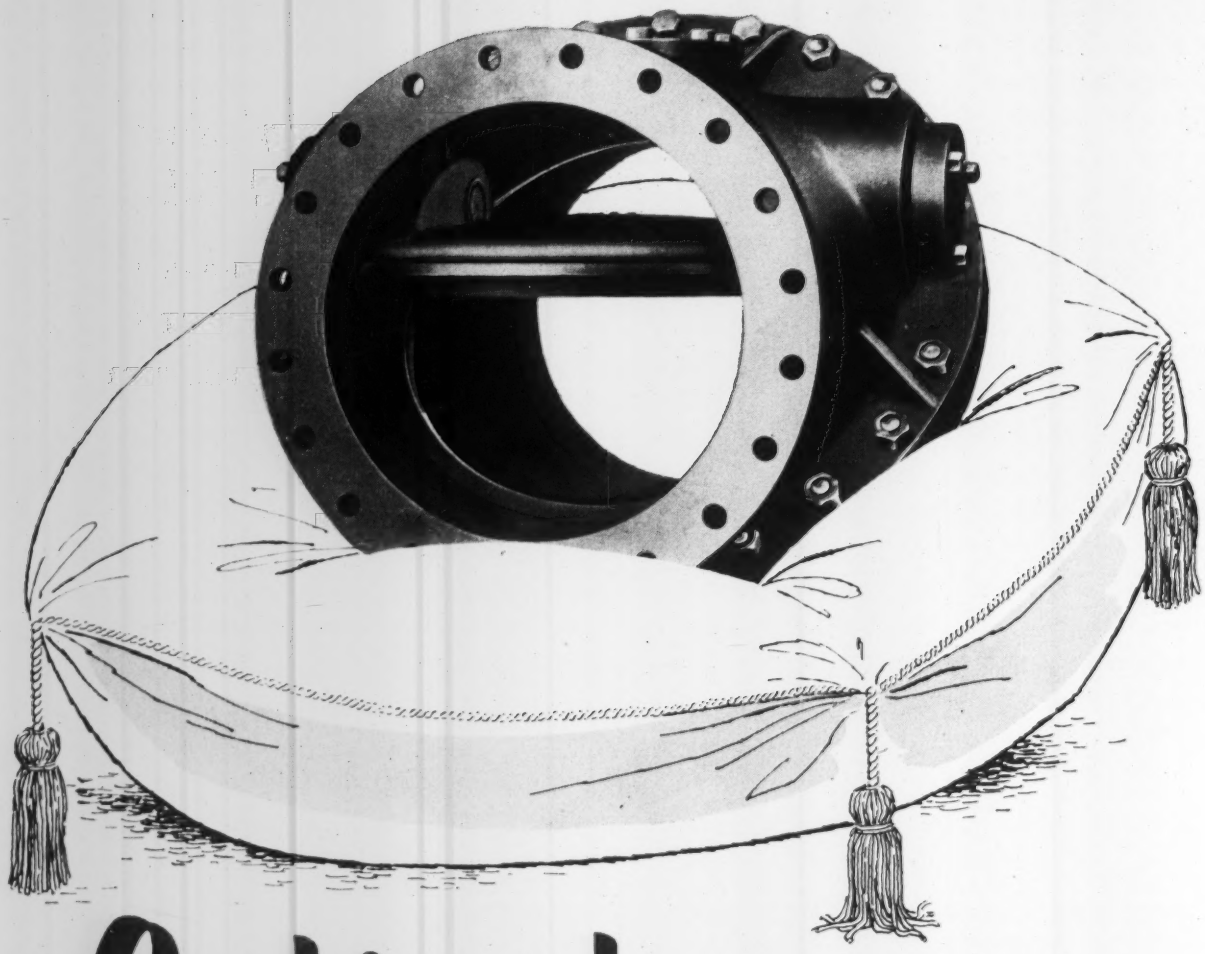

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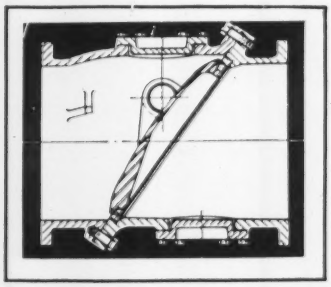

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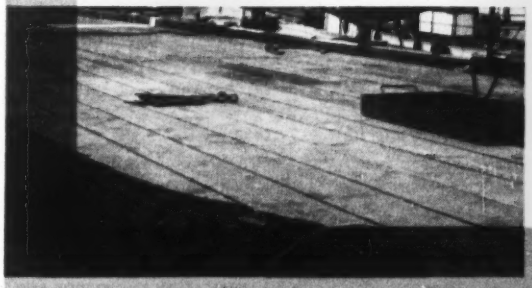

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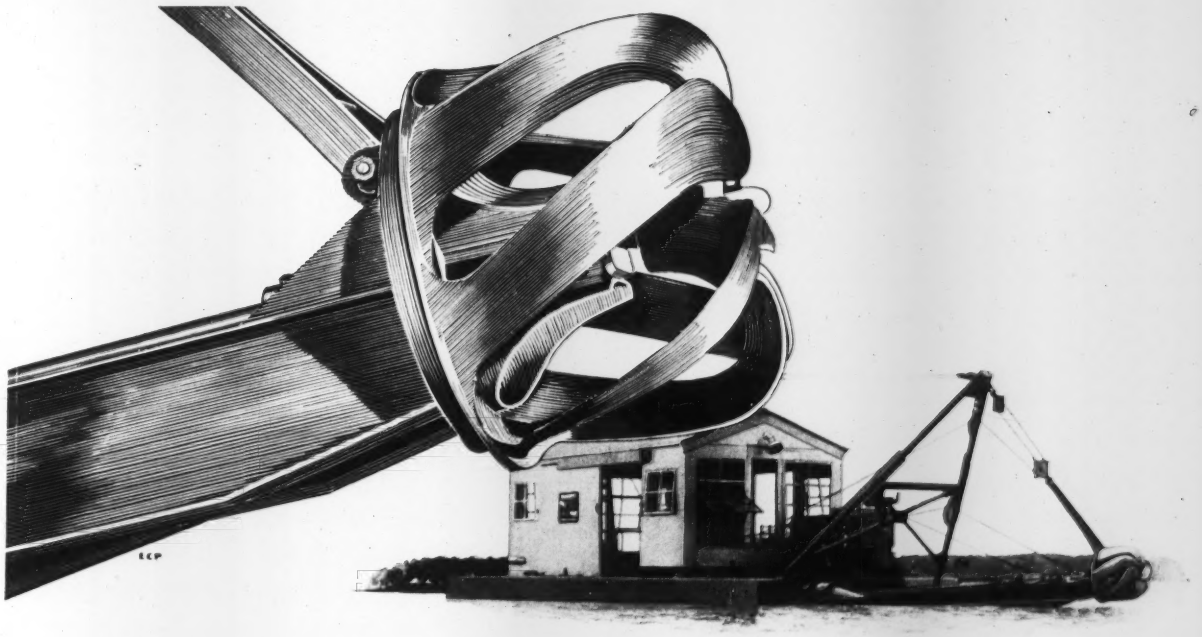

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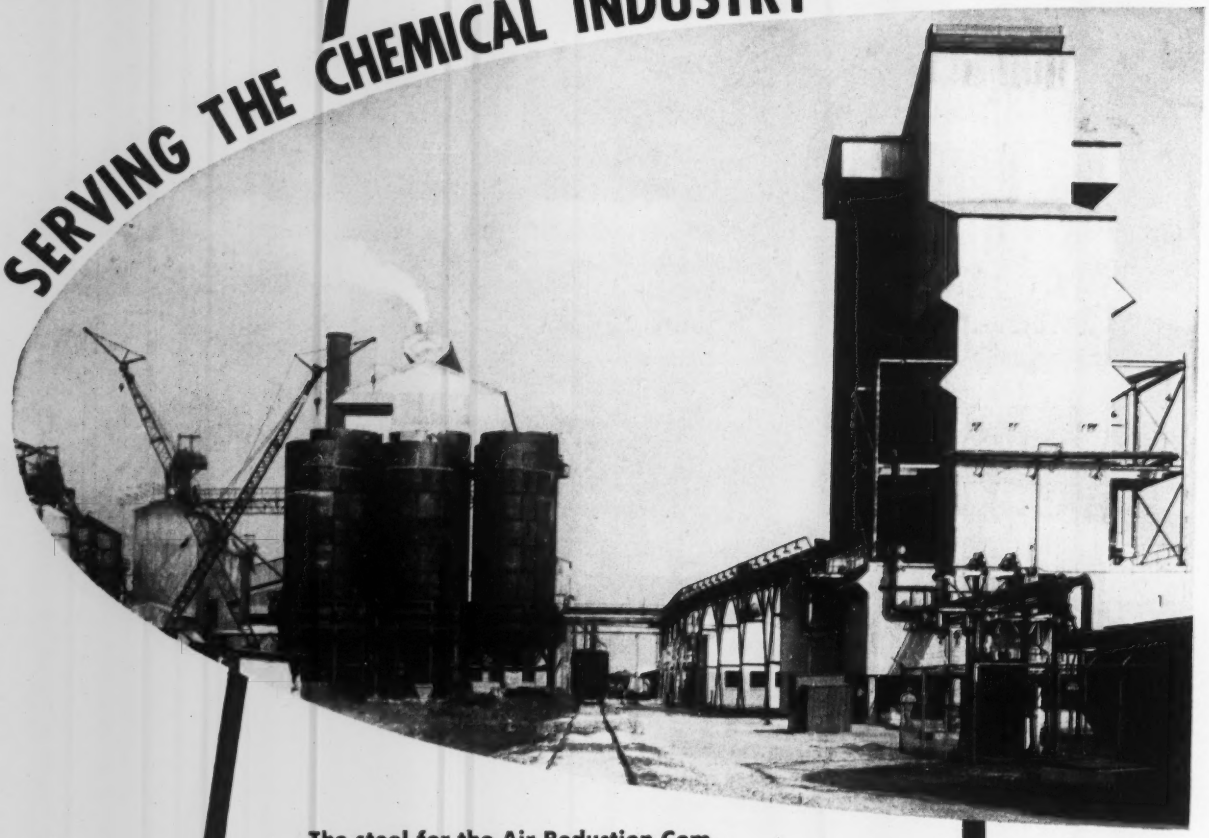

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The compilation of our "Contract Unit Prices" data is of course dependent for accuracy on our source of factual information. This information is supplied to our office by the Daily Construction Service, published by the Wade Publishing Co. in San Francisco. Their daily publication, containing the abstracts of bids, is vital to our part of the work, and it is only fair for me to suggest that the Daily Construction Service is entitled to share the recognition that you have given the Corps of Engineers.

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In its issue of July 30, ENGINEERING NEWS-RECORD commented that the Dravo Corp. of Pittsburgh was then engaged (with a number of others) on a project to extend electric power and telephone facilities in the area of Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro for the Brazilian Traction, Light and Power Company, Ltd. Dravo officials have informed us that their company is no longer carrying on any work in Brazil.

CALENDAR

Engineering Institute (construction costs and planning) University of Wisconsin, Madison, Dec. 7-8.
Annual Highway Conference, Maine Section, American Society of Civil Engineers, University of Maine, Orono, Dec. 18-19.
American Road Builders Association, annual meeting, Chalfonte-Haddon Hall, Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 5-7.
National Constructors Association, annual meeting, Hotel Commodore, N. Y. City, Jan. 12-14.
Highway Research Board, annual meeting, National Academy of Sciences Building, Washington, D. C., Jan. 12-15.
National Association of Home Builders, annual convention and exposition, Conrad Hilton and Sherman hotels, Chicago, Jan. 17-21.
Land surveyors conference and exhibition, University Commons, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J., Jan. 23.
Mason Contractors Association of America, Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Jan. 24-27.
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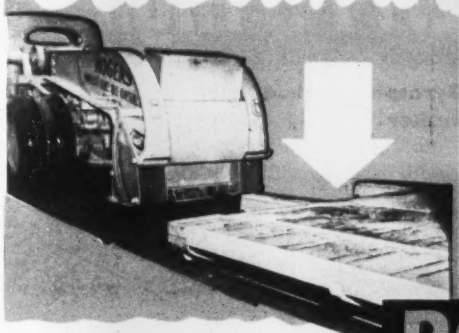

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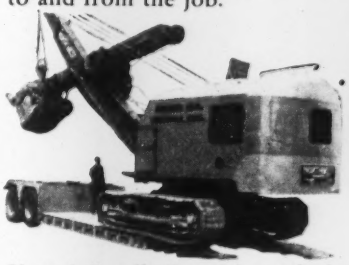

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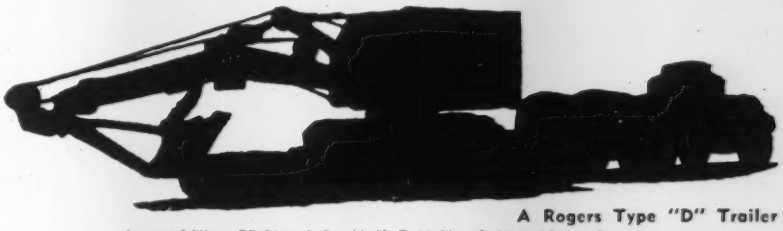

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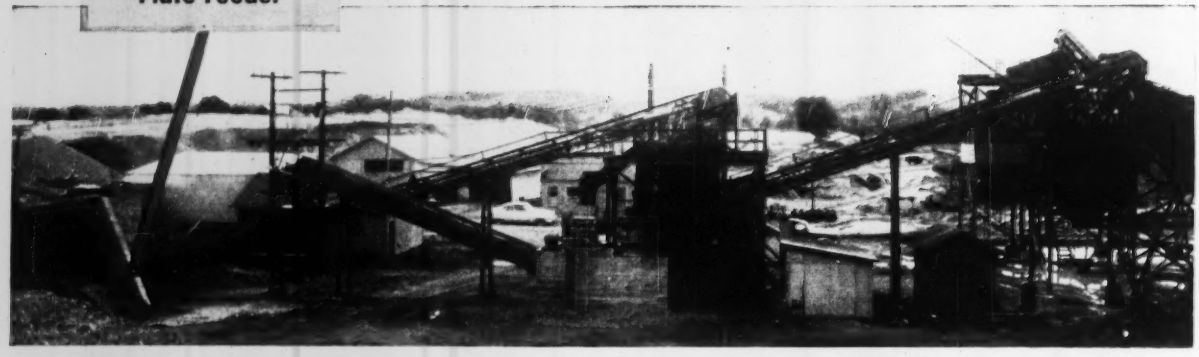

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THE CONSTRUCTION WEEK

- **For the good of the order**—Backed by professional groups, two states put teeth into moves to enforce professional licensing laws:

  The Arkansas State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers hired an attorney for the special purpose of prosecuting violators of the state's year-old professional registration law—which provides fines up to $200 for each offense, and up to three months' imprisonment for violations.

  And California's boards of registration for civil engineers and architects sent out a stern letter to all their licensees, warning particularly that the cursory examination by a licensed engineer of a set of plans prepared by someone else may be a violation of existing law.

  The California engineer examining body had a case in mind: Where a Los Angeles contractor appeared (in April, 1951) at the city building department for a permit to build a swimming pool. The department wouldn't accept the plans without a licensed engineer's signature—which the contractor obtained within a half hour. "It was obvious," said the board, "that the engineer hadn't studied the plans." (The engineer was suspended for 15 days).

- **Question of responsibility**—And architects in Florida also had another problem with which to cope:

  The State Board of Public Instruction directed its attorney to draft all future architect contracts so as to fix responsibility on architects for any extra school construction costs resulting from failure to show all necessary details in the working drawings. The board directed also that agreements with architects be rescinded if they refuse to accept contracts with such clauses in them.

- **Private enterprise note**—Soviet Russia—through the medium of a report published in the official newspaper, Izvestia—has announced that its building organizations are for the first time accepting orders from private purchasers for construction of standard houses.

  A much wider sale of several types of houses is planned in larger cities next year, said the government organ.

- **Master transit plan**—The nine heavily populated counties around San Francisco Bay will get a new blueprint of what can be done about rapid transit within two years, under terms of that engineering contract awarded to Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Hall & Macdonald, New York consultants.

  Operating within a $600,000 state-county fund, the engineers are commissioned to prepare a general plan of regional development, origin-destination traffic studies, prepare an overall transit plan, study economic and physical aspects of private and mass transportation, and methods of financing construction of facilities.

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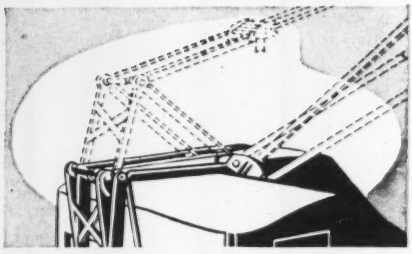

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Recommendations for a new federal housing policy will go to Eisenhower by mid-December. Housing Administrator Cole has asked the Presidential committee on housing policies and programs to wrap up its work at a three-day meeting next week. Its findings will be on the President's desk when he confers Dec. 17-19 with congressional leaders on next year's legislative program and his state of the union address.

Decisions on credit, insurance and public housing will be made on the basis of the committee's work. The committee members have been close-mouthed on the direction their investigations are going. But this much is known: FHA Commissioner Hollyday wants higher loan insurance on existing homes and credit aids for slum rehabilitation.

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New kink in hydraulic engineering is being tried by Bonneville Power Administration and the aluminum companies which use BPA power. It involves using water that ordinarily wouldn't be used on the gamble that next year's rainfall will make it up.

Idea is to draw on cyclical storage behind Hungry Horse Dam to firm up power for the aluminum companies right now. The companies have guaranteed to supply an equal amount of power if it's needed next year because of low runoffs. Either the companies will cut back their own power consumption to keep other customers fully supplied—or they'll buy high-priced steam power outside and feed it into the BPA system.

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Army Engineers Board this week okayed $2,068,500 as government's share of an $8,366,000 drainage and flood-control project in Ft. Bend County, Tex. Recommendation must now be submitted to Congress.

Harold F. Holtz of Lincoln, Neb., is new special assistant in the Department of Defense office of real property management.

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Court speed-up on St. Lawrence power project is designed to get a final decision out of the Supreme Court before next June. Court of Appeals in Washington will hear arguments December 23 from opponents of the power project. Without the speed-up, the case would not have been heard until later—too late for a decision to go to the Supreme Court this term.

Speed-up will enable construction to get under way next year according to government officials who argued for it.

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Tug-of-war over new cuts in the defense budget is building up. The budget-cutters—led by Secretary of Treasury Humphrey—now have a new talking point. The country needs some bigger tax reductions than heretofore planned—and that can only be done by putting through another big slice in Defense Department spending.

Wilson will fight any big cut-back in spending by his department. The talk has been that Defense could contribute say $4.5 billion of an additional $6-billion cut in federal spending next year.

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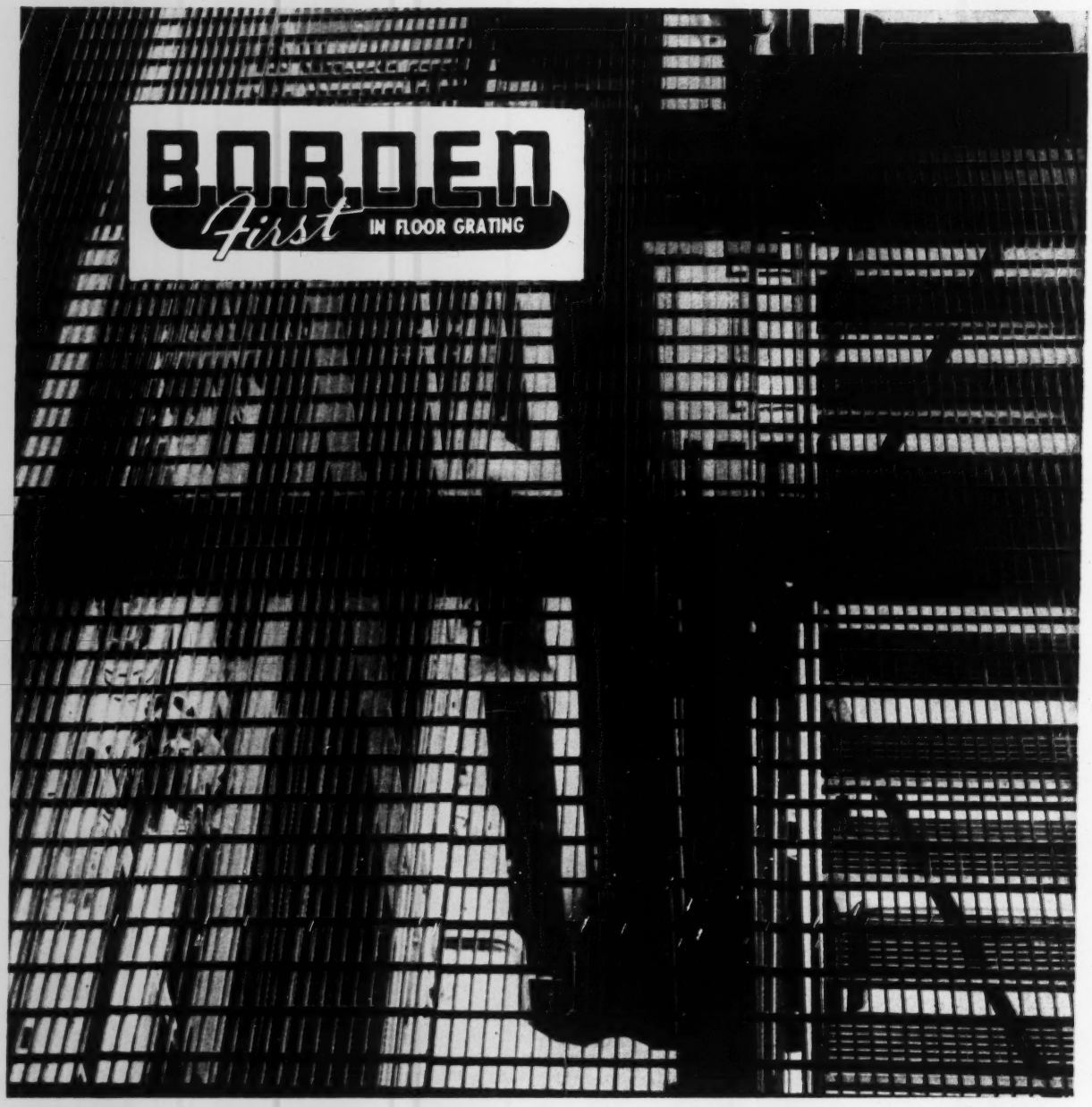
Taft-Hartley's closed shop ban has been tightened again to thwart tacit agreements between contractors and unions on hiring workers. The U. S. Court of Appeals in Denver has upheld an NLRB interpretation that a "tacit" agreement to hire only union members is just as illegal as a written contract. The decision went against Construction Specialties Co., Denver, and the AFL asbestos workers. Two workers the company would not hire because the union wouldn't clear them are to get back wages.



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Federal highway aid continues to hold congressional support

Agitation for scrapping program apparently is failing to carry much weight; even bigger allotments likely

The upcoming second session of the 83rd Congress will lose little time in getting down to business on a federal-aid highway bill for fiscal years 1956 and 1957.

Signs both inside and outside of Congress point to continuance of the present program, with increased money allotments for federal aid to the states. The forces calling for withdrawal of federal aid and federal supervision on selected highway systems seem due to meet more than their match when Congress convenes.

Moral obligations to the states under long standing federal-aid policy permit no postponement of a decision by Congress. The legislatures of the states must know what the federal government is going to do before they meet in January 1955 to pass on their own highway budgets.

• **Presidential commissions**—President Eisenhower's two commissions—the Hoover group analyzing federal functions plus organization and the Manion committee studying fiscal relations of the states and the federal government—will both delve deeply into the highway controversy. The Hoover Commission's final report isn't due until the spring of 1955; the Manion group—concerned with taxes rather than with functions such as federal highway aid—is to report its recommendations by March 1, 1954.

Findings of the Manion Commission could have an effect on the debate over next year's highway bill—particularly if the commission goes along with the demand of state governors that the federal government get out of gasoline taxation completely and leave that tax source entirely to the states. That course—if recommended—would run into almost insurmountable obstacles in Congress.

First of all, neither Congress nor the Administration would want to cut off another billion dollars of tax income in a year when other tax revenues are being decreased some $8 billion by law. Such action wouldn't match up with the Republican effort to get nearer to a balanced budget. And, second, killing the federal gasoline tax wouldn't fit well with congressional desires to increase federal aid and thus speed the improvement of the nation's highways.

• **Congressional attitudes**—Congressional thinking on both points came to the surface at the recent annual meeting of the American Association of State Highway Officials (ENR, Nov. 19, p. 25). Among House and Senate committee leaders at that meeting—the men who will have most to do with next year's highway bill—the ratio was three-to-one in favor of continued federal aid and continued gasoline taxation.

On the basis of past congressional records and public statements, a similar but somewhat smaller majority in favor of the existing program can be found among the members of the public works committees—and among the full membership—of both houses. The attitude of Congress points strongly to a bigger highway bill than the one enacted in 1952 for fiscal years 1954 and 1955. That measure provides $575 million a year in federal aid.

The Administration's stand may not become publicly known until the President sends his budget message to Congress in January. That message would be the logical place for Eisenhower to advise Congress on highway commitments for fiscal 1956 and 1957.

• **Commerce Dept. stand**—What the President recommends will be determined largely by the Commerce Dept. and the Budget Bureau, with Eisenhower having the final word. Commerce Secretary Weeks, Undersecretary for Transportation Robert B. Murray and Public Roads Commissioner Francis V. du Pont have to set the Commerce line in the tug-of-war.

If du Pont's views prevail, there is little doubt that Commerce will fight for continuance of the federal-aid program, with some modifications aimed at improving it. Should Murray win the Commerce argument, sharp curtailments will be recommended. The final decision will be up to Weeks, and that decision then will have to get Budget approval.

But Congress is likely to go its own way, no matter what the Executive Branch recommends. Passing a big federal-aid bill will be easier all around if Commerce, Public Roads and the Budget Bureau support it. Congress, however, probably will push such a bill through to enactment even if the executive agencies are barred from speaking in favor of it.

It is doubtful that the bill can be as big as the AASHO voted to ask for—a total of $900 million a year in federal aid, with $250 million of it going to the interstate system on a 75-25 matching basis instead of the traditional 50-50 ratio of federal-state payments. But congressmen promise some surprises when the bill comes up. The outcome may be nearer the AASHO figures than hardened observers expect.

Decision on Missouri River diversion project favors dam over pumping plant

Missouri River diversion below Fort Peck Dam in Montana can be better accomplished by building a dam than by installing a pumping plant. This was the decision made last week by Interior Secretary Douglas McKay on the advice of a special board of consultants (ENR Sept. 24, p. 26).

Reclamation Commissioner Wilbur A. Dexheimer moved fast to get the job started. Bids will be asked as soon a specifications can be completed, with the aim of starting work next spring on the initial development, including the dam at the Porcupine Creek site, 22 mi downstream from Fort Peck Dam.

This portion of the project, comprising the diversion dam and a 32-mi canal to supply water to some 7,200 acres on the south side of the river, will cost an estimated $11.7 million. The total project, known as the Missouri Diversion Unit, will carry water to 100,000 acres of northeastern Montana land. Estimated total construction cost exceeds $54 million.

Reclamation has about $300,000 in hand to start construction and another

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Engineers report on possible causes of building failure at Scarsdale, N.Y.

Light was shed last week on the nature of the design and construction defects that might have caused the collapse on July 10 of a portion of a four-story reinforced concrete building in Scarsdale, N. Y., in which three workmen were killed and ten others injured. The illuminating information was contained in a report filed with the Village Board by its consulting engineers, Seelye, Stevenson, Value & Knecht, of New York City.

The consultants concluded that "the factors which contributed, or could have contributed, to the collapse . . . included low-strength concrete, steel reinforcement missing or misplaced, and exterior columns, as designed, being weak in resistance to bending. In addition to these factors, there is a further one—the possible lack of adequate reshores."

(Editor's note—This report became available after the editorial on p. 84 went to press. When it was written, there were indications that the reports of the various consultants who investigated this disaster would not be disclosed. Consequently, the editorial was limited to a discussion of the requirements of the type of construction used for this building and the danger of not fully satisfying them. The report further emphasizes this danger.)

The structure was to have been a four-story office building and a six-story apartment house of flat-plate construction. Concrete was being placed for the fourth floor of the office building when one corner collapsed (ENR July 16, p. 26).

A grand jury investigating the accident reported that it was unable to determine the cause or to conclude that any individuals were guilty of criminal negligence (ENR Nov. 19, p. 26). However, its presentment charged that there existed defects in design, material and construction that might have caused or contributed to the collapse. It did not enumerate these.

• **Concrete tests cited**—The report filed by the Village Board consultants, though, does indicate what the defects referred to might have been.

"The strength of the concrete as shown by the cores which we have taken from complete slabs," it charges, "is, in many cases, so low as to indicate an unsatisfactory condition, inasmuch as the design stresses in some cases exceed the strength of the concrete cores. . . . The core samples showed, in most cases, quite different results from those of the sample cylinders which were taken at the time each section was poured and tested by the testing laboratory."

Cracks were observed in the exterior columns, which the investigators believe indicate an overstress in these members.

• **Cracks traced to steel omission**—The engineers also noted the omission of steel from shop drawings for some slabs and found cracks in the corresponding areas, leading to the assumption that the steel was omitted in the field as well.

"The most serious condition occurs at several locations in the form of severe cracks extending across several floor panels at about one-quarter the distance between columns. Such cracks immediately create the suspicion that there is a place where it is possible to draw a line from top to bottom through the slab without intercepting any steel. Where such is the case, unreinforced concrete is in tension, a condition which should never be permitted in reinforced concrete design and construction.

"To verify these conditions, ten of these cracks were opened up . . . in one case, the top steel was present but was set low. In two cases, there was no top steel. In three cuts, 7, 10 and 22 in. wide, entirely through the slabs, no steel was encountered, and near the last cut, top steel was found but was set low.

"In a 9-in. cut, the top and bottom steel lacked 2½ in. of meeting at the crack. One cut, 18 in. wide, encountered no steel, and further chipping found top steel 3 in. short of the crack and 4 in. down from the top, instead of 1½ in. to the center line. In another case, the top and bottom steel extended to the crack but did not lap . . ."

• **Reshoring is questioned**—An investigation of the reshoring used on the job adjacent to the collapsed area showed it to be sparse and of poor quality, the engineers reported. Several posts were found out of plumb. Many were short and the deficient length made up of wood blocking. In addition, the reshores were placed under only one story below the pour, instead of two as is often done.

"One conclusion," the report continues, "is that had the reshores been ample and sound, the collapse might not have occurred, even in the presence of various combinations of the other factors mentioned above. However, had these other elements of weakness not been present, or had they occurred in sufficiently isolated form, it is also possible that the collapse would not have occurred, even with the amount of reshoring probably used."

Frank J. Heller, of Scarsdale, owner of the property, is reported to have told the Village Board that 75% of the structure already built would be demolished—leaving only the lower portion.

To prevent similar disasters in the future, the consulting engineers included in their report a recommendation that the local building code be amended to preclude the common practice, which was followed on the ill-fated building, of employing an architect and structural engineer to make plans but not to do the field inspection. This also was recommended by the grand jury.

. . . Missouri River diversion project favors dam

$1.4 million of appropriated money that can be used as soon as the Budget Bureau releases it. The latter fund was impounded by the bureau after the appropriations committees of Congress directed that construction be held up until the Interior Secretary made a decision on the dam vs. pumping question.

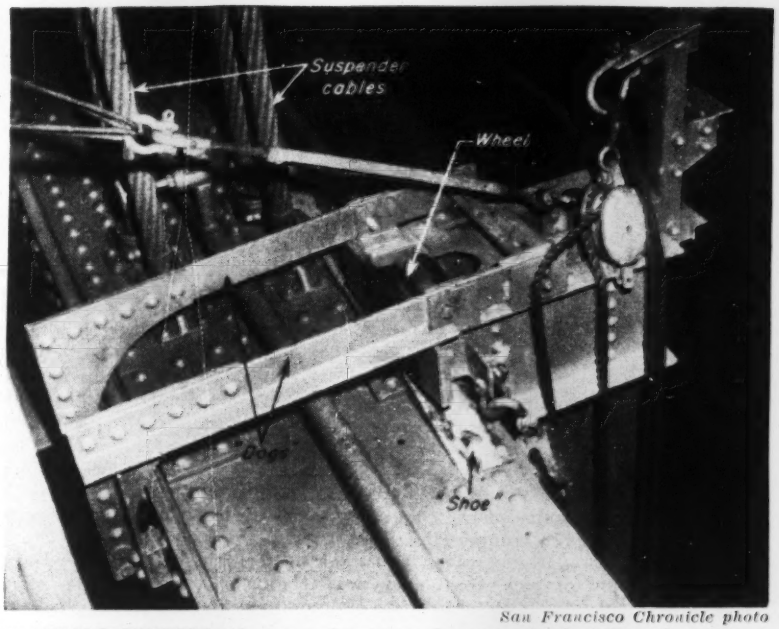
Hydro power production is possible at the dam, but the Reclamation Bureau will install only penstocks and other basic equipment. Reason: The Senate Appropriations Committee directed that no generating facilities be installed without specific allocation by Congress of funds for that purpose.

It was the hazards of an unpredictable river that tilted the decision in favor of the diversion dam.

But the vagaries and heavy siltation of the river impose serious risks on future maintenance and operation costs of a pumping installation.

A saving of $10 million could have been made in the total cost of the Missouri Diversion Unit if the pumping plant had proved the better bet, reducing the estimated construction bill to something over $44 million. However, estimated yearly costs for operation and maintenance would be $76,000 higher—$430,000 a year for pumping as compared with $354,000 for diverting water by means of the dam.

The board consisted of John S. Longwell, consulting engineer of Piedmont, Calif.; Ralph Lowry of San Mateo, Calif., former chief construction engineer of the Bureau of Reclamation, and William F. Uhl, president of Charles T. Main, Inc. of Boston, Mass.



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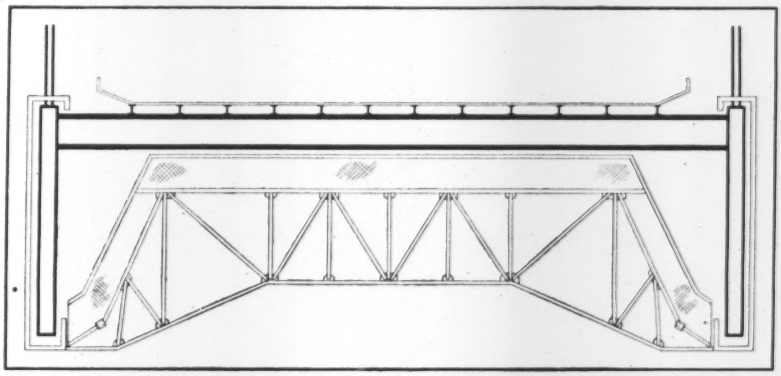
SCAFFOLD WHEELS ride a row of rivets on the upper chord of the stiffening truss. At suspender cables, wheels are rolled up on a "shoe" to permit smooth travel over a splice plate. And a safety arm that hooks over the inner edge of the beam is released. It was during this movement that the accident occurred. A turnbuckle holds the scaffold between movements. Rope and sheave have nothing to do with scaffold movement.

Modifications of traveling scaffolds to follow Golden Gate Bridge accident

California's Division of Industrial Safety has ordered modifications of the three remaining traveling scaffolds on the Golden Gate Bridge as a result of the recent accident that killed two Judson Pacific-Murphy Corp. steelworkers (ENR Nov. 12, p. 23).

The scaffolds originally were intended for maintenance work. When modified, they can be used only for the present construction program of adding a bottom lateral system to the bridge-deck stiffening structure, which will provide greater resistance to wind-induced movement. The new structural members, when installed, will interfere with the scaffolds and require their dismantlement.

Existing scaffolds have no rails for their wheels and the wheels are grooved rather than flanged. They roll along the outer edge of a 3-ft-deep beam—the top chord of the stiffening truss—straddling a row of rivets.



TRAVELING SCAFFOLD on Golden Gate Bridge side span is identical with center span scaffold that failed in Nov. 6 accident. Note that the entire assembly rides on the top chord of the stiffening truss and is free of the bridge except at that point.

Here's what the modification order specifies:

- Provide some means of restraining the four wheels of each scaffold inwardly during movement.
- Modify the "shoe" devices that permit the wheels to ride over splices in the girder chords so that the shoes are firmly fastened to the bridge and so that they have some ridge or flange to engage the wheels.
- Institute some systematic procedure for moving the scaffolds and include safety belts and tag lines for all workmen.

Meanwhile, other investigations are under way to attempt to determine the cause of the accident. The contractor, for example, has had X-ray studies made of essential parts of the remaining scaffold.

Killed in the accident were Donald V. Hogan and Albert M. Croxson, who fell when one of the 15-year-old maintenance scaffolds failed. These scaffolds were not included in the original bridge design but were added later.

Judson Pacific-Murphy was using the existing scaffolds to back out the necessary rivets to provide the connecting framing for the new bottom lateral system. Since the new work will convert the bridge-deck stiffening system from an inverted U-shape to a box shape, the old scaffolds will no longer be usable. Actual erection of the new steel will be accomplished in part by use of a conventional type, safety net-equipped traveler moving inside that part of the box framework that has been completed at the present time.

Three states join in traffic survey

A survey will be made of the added traffic burden that will be imposed on Virginia and North Carolina by West Virginia's 88-mi Charleston-Princeton toll highway which is scheduled to be completed some time early next fall.

Highway officials of the three states, meeting in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., last week, authorized the New York firm of Coverdale & Colpitts to make the survey and report by Jan. 1. The three-state highway committee is scheduled to meet again Feb. 8.

The study is to determine the future highway needs along a north-south route that would run through three southwest Virginia counties. Virginia authorities already are studying the feasibility of a turnpike that would connect with the Princeton end of the West Virginia toll road and then be extended into North Carolina.

Water gamble

Storage at Hungry Horse Dam to be tapped to aid aluminum companies

Industry and the Bonneville Power Authority are gambling there will be a good water season in the Pacific Northwest next year.

If they win, aluminum companies will be able to keep their Northwest plants in full operation at considerable savings in power costs.

If they lose, aluminum and other companies may have to either close down a sizable part of their operations in the Northwest or pay off their gambling debt with huge hunks of more costly steam-generated electricity.

The gamble involves drawing down water storage at Hungry Horse Dam below normal levels to increase the output of power plants downstream in the Columbia Basin. With an average to good water season, this reserve can be replaced with no trouble. But with a bad water year, the aluminum companies would pay heavily.

This is the way the gamble is set up:

Each of the producers operates a part of his plant on cheap, "interruptible" power from the BPA system. This "interruptible" power is, as the term implies, available only after all firm power demands are met by BPA.

BPA keeps a close watch on water levels in its storage dams during the late fall and winter seasons, regulating the flow through power plants according to the amount stored. If it cuts down on power production, the "interruptible" customers are the first hit.

Drawdown at these large dams is based on an elaborate rule curve based on river flows over the recorded history of the stream. At Hungry Horse Dam on the South Branch of the Flathead in Montana, for instance, BPA knows that it can pull down 800,000 acre-feet of water during a storage season with full assurance that a minimum river flow will replenish it. Below that amount, hydraulic engineers want firm assurance that the water will be replenished before they pull down more water.

They get this assurance from the snow surveys taken in the watershed which feeds Hungry Horse dam reservoir. These show snow depths, and hence the amount of water that may be expected to flow into the reservoir next spring. The results of the first of these surveys come in January 1.

Thus BPA apportions out the 800,000 acre-feet of water over the period running from Sept. 15 to Jan. 1. It knows that much will be replenished. But it does not pull down any more until the snow surveys indicate how much more than the minimum of water can be expected.

Now the aluminum companies have come up with this proposition: "Let's take a chance that it will be an average or better water year. Cut into your reserve to firm up our interruptible."

If that had been the whole proposition, BPA would have turned it down flat.

But there was another side to the proposition. The aluminum producers offered to pay back this reserve account if BPA is caught short. They would do this either by curtailing their own take of firm BPA power or by going outside the government system and buying power at costs up to ten mills to replace the power they are now using from the Hungry Horse drawdown.

With any kind of luck, the companies stand to gain. The odds are roughly 20-to-1 in their favor, since on the average there is only about one bad water year in every twenty.

Father of this complicated deal is William A. Dittmer, former BPA power manager, now employed by Kaiser Aluminum.

The agreement went into effect early last week after BPA cut off all its regular interruptible power. It is being tried out with the understanding that formal agreements will be signed either this week or next.

Col. Robert G. West dies; noted for flood control

Col. Robert G. West, flood-control expert and chief technical assistant in the office of the Ohio River Division, Corps of Engineers, died in Houston, Tex., last week. He was 56 years old.

In 1918, Colonel West was graduated from Virginia Military Institute with a degree in civil engineering and the rank of second lieutenant. Nine years later he joined the Corps of Engineers in a civilian capacity, serving in Pittsburgh, Wilmington, N. C., and St. Louis before going to the Ohio River Division in 1933.

During the 1937 Ohio Valley flood, Colonel West helped direct defensive operations. Afterwards, he played a key role in setting up plans for future flood control in the area by use of reservoirs, floodwalls and levees. In 1941 he was named chief civilian engineer of the Ohio Division.

He was called to active duty in 1942 and, as assistant division engineer, helped direct construction of many military installations. After the war he remained in the reserves as commanding officer of an Engineer unit.

Penn Center

An ambitious Philadelphia development begins with 20-story skyscraper

Philadelphia's Penn Center crossed the threshold from blueprints to actual construction last week. Ground was broken for the center and for the first building to be erected on the mid-city site.

Following the ceremonies, Uris Bros., New York specialists in building and managing skyscrapers, began excavation for a 20-story $15-million office building (ENR June 4, p. 65). This structure will occupy only part of a block-long plot along Market St. between 15th and 16th Streets, leaving an area for landscaped gardens, pools and open-air dining. Completion is set for early 1955.

At a later date, Uris Bros. will announce details of a companion office building to be erected just north of the structure now getting under way.

The task of demolishing the 72-year-old Broad Street Station and Pennsylvania Railroad's so-called Chinese Wall—on the site where Penn Center will arise—started less than 19 months ago (ENR Nov. 6, 1952, p. 48).

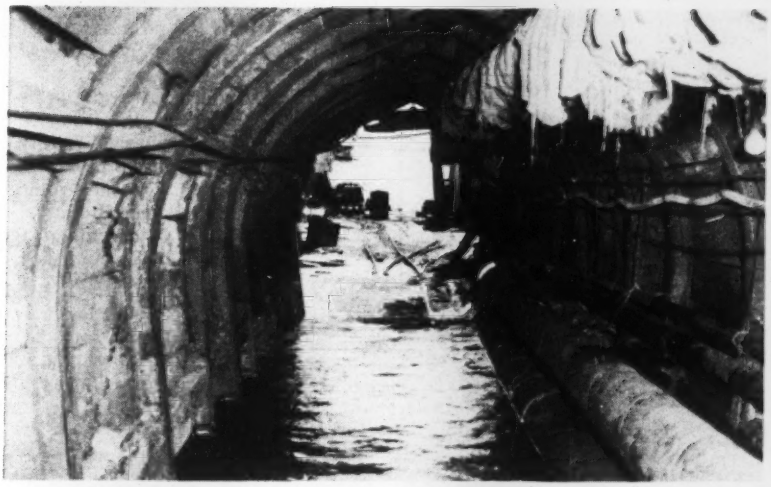
Several other buildings also have been scheduled for the development. Walter H. Annenberg, editor and publisher of the Philadelphia Inquirer, plans to erect a community and transportation center on the block bounded by 17th and 18th Streets, Pennsylvania Blvd. and Market St. The Sheraton Corp. of America will build a 1,000-room hotel on the north side of Pennsylvania Blvd. between 17th and 18th Streets.

Penn Center buildings and plazas, plus a 1,000-ft-long, 80-ft-wide esplanade will cover the entire area between City Hall and 18th St. from Market St. to Pennsylvania Blvd. Plans also include a shop-lined thoroughfare below street level, offering convenient access to a suburban station and to city concourses (ENR Feb. 12, p. 41).

$6-million low bid for Webster Dam work

Two Jackson, Miss., firms submitted a joint low bid of $6.1 million for construction of Webster Dam on the south fork of the Solomon River in north central Kansas. The bid by Edward E. Morgan Co., Inc., and Jones & Gillis, Inc. was under the Bureau of Reclamation estimate by a little over $1 million.

Foundation for the rolled earth fill dam—a key project in the Kansas River Basin flood-control program—was completed recently.



OUTLET PORTAL of Tecolote Tunnel emphasizes small bore and water flow. Nearly a foot of water covers invert despite two 12-in. dia pipes (lower right) for removing 3,600-gpm flow. Moistened burlap on air pipe did not keep air sufficiently cool.

Lining of Tecolote Tunnel to heading is planned to overcome intense heat

Construction will be resumed soon on Tecolote Tunnel of the Cachuma Project in Santa Barbara County, Calif., which was shut down in July when high ground water temperatures produced intolerable working conditions.

A new sequence of operations will be adopted to complete the final 4,716 ft of the 33,557-ft tunnel, involving concrete lining by steps of the 13,922 ft of the outlet and of the tunnel already dug.

The new program, as outlined by the office of L. N. McClellan, Assistant Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner in Denver, was based on a study made by a special board of consultants (ENR Sept. 24, p. 26). The consultants included Rush T. Sill, engineering partner of the Ruscardon engineering firm in Los Angeles; Frank Purvis, tunnel superintendent of the Magoffin Construction Co., Denver, and Walter R. Young, president of Thompson Pipe & Steel Co., Denver.

Work was stopped when water entering the tunnel at a 3,600-gpm rate got as hot as 112 F. At the heading this raised air temperature to 107 F and humidity to 100%. And, because temperatures were increasing at the rate of about 1 F for each 100 ft of tunnel advance, the work was shut down by Halvorsen Constructors (a joint venture of Carl Halvorsen, Inc. and H. Halvorsen, Inc.) holders of a $4.8-million contract for the tunnel. One purpose of the shutdown was to get a clear definition of the costs to be borne by the contractor and by the government as a result of the unforeseen conditions.

An attempt had been made to continue operations by forcing more air to the tunnel heading. But limited size of the tunnel (it will be a 7-ft dia horseshoe inside the concrete lining) restricted the amount of air piping that could be used. And hot water from the underground springs heated the entire length of the bore so that the air was hot by the time it reached the heading.

• **Program for lining**—First step in the new program will be to place a concrete bulkhead part way in the tunnel. This will seal off some of the hot water and cool the tunnel sufficiently so that it can be concrete lined. Next, a second bulkhead will be placed further along and the tunnel lined up to it. This will be repeated in steps until the heading is reached. The concreting program will be more expensive than originally anticipated as it will be done out of sequence.

Even after lining of the completed portion of the tunnel, considerable heat is expected. Plans are under way to counteract this by bringing high-pressure air to the heading in a relatively small-sized pipe and releasing it through a turbo-generator. Resulting adiabatic expansion will supercool the air. This plan cannot be put into effect immediately as it will take some time to get delivery on the necessary equipment.

All of this means additional cost and it is expected that an adjustment in the contract price will be made. The additional work will not upset existing repayment contracts with local districts as they are of water service type.

The 3,600-gpm flow developed by the tunnel has been put to good use in supplying the city of Santa Barbara and nearby areas. This flow resulted even in spite of an extensive grouting program to shut it off. Plans call for tapping of water behind the concrete lining after completion of the tunnel to add to the local supplies.

Meanwhile, the upper end of the tunnel is being concrete lined. It was stopped after 14,919 ft of length had been excavated and temperatures had risen to 78 F. Further excavation of this portion of the tunnel was considered uneconomical because of the downhill slope. Besides that, the Cachuma reservoir might fill during the coming winter season and cover the tunnel entrance. This would necessitate excavation of a construction adit.

New York Coliseum project under way

Demolition crews have begun clearing an area on the west side of New York City's Columbus Circle at the southwest corner of Central Park for the $40-million New York Coliseum and related housing project (ENR Dec. 11, 1952, p. 48), following a Court of Appeals ruling granting the city title to the site.

Classed as urban redevelopment, the project will consist of two 12-story apartment buildings costing $20 million and a $20-million convention hall and garage.

First considered back in 1946, the program has been held up primarily by property owners who held that the site could not be cleared under the federally aided urban redevelopment plan since it was not a slum area.

Scheduled for completion in the fall of 1956, the Coliseum will provide garage space, stores and restaurants, and 225,000 sq ft of clear floor space for conventions and commercial displays.

The planners believe that the building should draw a great deal of the convention business which has heretofore been lost because of a lack of adequate facilities.

New York's Triborough Bridge Authority will build and operate the Coliseum, and architects are Leon and Lionel Levy. Punia & Marx, realty sponsors of the apartment housing units, will hold off clearing their site until the last possible legal obstacle has been overcome—property owners could still appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court for a stay.

Factory illuminated by new-type lamps

A $5-million factory just being completed for the manufacture of pressure vessels for Foster Wheeler Corp. at Mountaintop, Pa., near Wilkes-Barre, is being illuminated with recently developed incandescent lamps providing 30 ft-c over the entire work area.

The interior of these 750-w lamps is silvered, eliminating the need for external reflectors, which require maintenance. A cost comparison indicates that this installation will be less expensive than one with mercury vapor lamps.

The high bay shown above is 90x800 ft by 75 ft high, with 50-ft clearance under the cranes. The building also includes a 35x500-ft side bay and 35x450-ft office wing. It has a structural steel frame, asbestos-cement exterior walls, and roof deck of precast wood-fiber concrete. Shop connections for the steel frame were riveted, but field connections were made with high-tensile bolts because of a shortage of riveters in the region. An adjacent building, still under construction, containing a 2,000,000-v X-ray generator, will have 4-ft-thick concrete walls.

The plant was designed by Foster Wheeler. Sardoni Construction Co., of Wilkes-Barre, is the general contractor, with steel fabrication and erection being carried out by Ingalls Iron Works.

Chicago bids for engineering societies

Chicago made a strong bid last week for the new $6-million headquarters building which the country's four "founder" engineering societies hope to erect because they have outgrown the building that they own in New York City (ENR Sept. 3, p. 23).

Whether a larger building will be obtained in New York or whether the headquarters will be moved elsewhere is a problem with which the societies have been actively concerned for more than two years.

The offer of a site in Chicago as well as capital benefits and services valued at more than $1.1 million were presented to a five-man committee representing the societies, after it inspected proposed sites on the campuses of Illinois Institute of Technology, University of Chicago and Northwestern University.

James L. Head, committee chairman and president of United Engineering Trustees (the corporation which the four societies set up in 1904 to hold title to the present headquarters) said that the societies will "find it difficult" to make a final selection from among the cities competing for the building. Pittsburgh, with an offer to erect a new building, if the societies buy the land, thus far has made the best financial offer. "Frankly, we're shopping around for the highest bidder," Head said.

• **Illinois Tech's offer**—Illinois Tech is ready to provide five acres on its campus, valued at $500,000. In addition, it offers an estimated $650,000 in various services ranging from use of its central heating plant to parking facilities.

The Chicagoans listed a number of arguments for establishing the societies' headquarters in their city. They claimed the city's location and transportation connecitons make it more conveniently accessible to the majority of the membership. Other advantages of Chicago cited were convention accommodations, exhibit facilities, proximity to a number of industrial centers, and the city's million-volume John Crerar Technological Library.

The committee represented: the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

News briefs . . .

• **Chicago subway contract**—Santucci Construction Co. of Skokie, Ill., is the apparent low-bidder on a contract to build twin underground tubes for extension of the present Milwaukee-Dearborn-Congress St. subway in Chicago. Estimated cost of the project is $3.2 million (ENR Oct. 22, 1953, p. 22). The half-mile-long route will run along the Congress Street Expressway—now under construction—from the Chicago River's west bank to DesPlaines St.

• **New Navy building**—The year's largest single-building construction project in the Norfolk-Portsmouth, Va., area has been started by the Navy in its shipyard at Portsmouth. The $4.2-million structure (5 and 6 stories, 581 ft x 195 ft) is scheduled to be finished by July, 1955. General contractor: Cramer-Vollmerhause Co., Inc., Washington, D. C. Foundations contractor: Raymond Concrete Pile Co., New York. Designers: Harley, Ellington & Day, Inc., Detroit; Hayes, Seay, Mattern & Mattern of Norfolk and Roanoke, Va.

• **Flood-fighting funds**—The Reynolds Metals Co. is putting up cash (amount not revealed) for dike work near its aluminum reduction mill at Troutdale, Ore., beside the Columbia River. The firm spent some $100,000 during the 1948 flood to save earthworks protecting the plant. Since Congress might not vote dike-work funds in 1954, Reynolds will contribute to area aid now—rather than having to fight future high waters just to save its own building.

• **Clean-up campaign**—The reservoir level behind Detroit Dam on Oregon's Santiam River is being lowered 6 in. a day to winter elevation of 1,340 ft. The reason: to reset electrical devices on the gates and to clean out debris in the pool area. Summer elevation (since the dam's dedication in June) was 1,525 ft.

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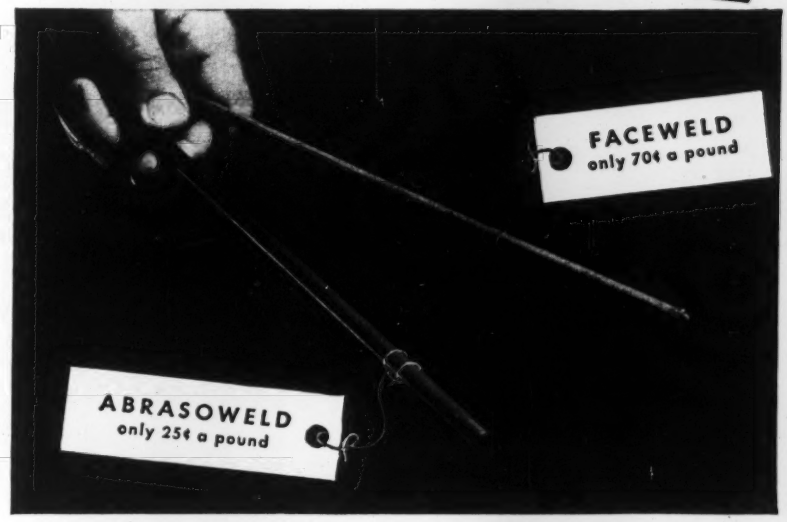

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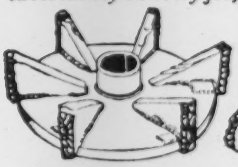
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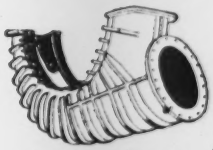
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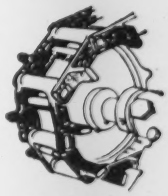
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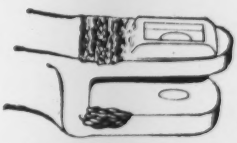
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Regional pacts on rise in Washington, Oregon

Regional labor agreements are largely replacing local agreements in the western Washington building and heavy construction industries, with one union negotiating for one wage scale to cover all of Washington and Oregon.

The Seattle, Tacoma and Mountain Pacific chapters of the Associated General Contractors recently signed a unified agreement with the Western Washington Laborers Council for the first time. Previously laborers have negotiated separate contracts with building and heavy construction contractors, with varying scales, but next year all laborers will receive $2.25 an hour, regardless of the type of their work.

Carpenters and piledrivers also have negotiated tentative regional agreements, with ratification now up to the local unions. Carpenters would get $2.65 an hour and piledrivers $2.70 or $2.75, depending on which of two alternate agreements they accept.

Ironworkers have asked for negotiations on an even broader-two-state-basis, Washington and Oregon.

Labor briefs . . .

• **Wage hike at Hanford**—Engineering employees of Kaiser Engineers, Inc., engaged in a construction project for the Atomic Energy Commission at its Hanford Works near Richland, Wash., have received a wage increase averaging 25% under a new contract between the company and the Technical Engineers & Architects Assn., (AFL). Monthly increases range from $43 to $140, affecting rodmen, chainmen, transitmen, draftsmen and inspectors. Retroactive paychecks range from $450 to $1,300. New monthly scales range from $360 to $500.

• **State deducts AFL dues**—In Tennessee, the state has agreed to deduct $2 monthly AFL union dues from the salaries of those highway department employees who authorize it.

• **Cost-of-living raise**—Some 12,000 construction workers in South Florida are slated to receive a 5-cent hourly cost-of-living wage increase. The boost was agreed to by the Construction Industry Council of Dade County, composed of 14 construction trades unions and 10 contractor associaitons.

CONSTRUCTION TRENDS

Despite obstacles, fringe benefits are now solidly established in the building industry

Fringe benefits—in the form of welfare and pension funds, paid holidays and vacations—were late in reaching most construction workers, but they are spreading fast through the industry. Fringe-benefit payments by employers were reported this year in more than half of the 61 cities listed in the building trades wage rates published by ENGINEERING NEWS-RECORD, against a few isolated instances in 1950.

Wage control in World War II diverted interest to fringes in some cities, and in 1945 and 1946 several trades in New York City negotiated welfare funds and paid holidays. A further spur came with wage stabilization during the Korean war, when 7½ cents an hour in fringes was authorized for construction workers in addition to wage increases. The appeal of vacations, welfare funds and pensions now has taken firm hold. Unions want to bargain new plans and sweeten existing programs for their own sake—not just to get all that's coming under wage controls.

• **Problems**—Big obstacles to fringe benefits in construction have been irregularity of employment and mobility of workers. Relatively few workers stay with one employer long enough to benefit from the vacation and pension plans typical in manufacturing. Half the employees in construction in January 1951, had been in their current jobs 1.4 years or less, compared with 3.6 years for the average worker in manufacturing, according to a special study by the Bureau of Census. Furthermore, maintaining a welfare or pension fund would be an almost impossible burden for the many small contractors in construction.

Irregularity of construction work has led to the use of local building trades unions as units for establishing benefit programs, though employer trustees participate to satisfy Taft-Hartley requirements. Customarily, the employer contributes a specified amount in cents per hour or percentage of payroll to the funds maintained by unions representing workers on a job. Eligibility for benefits—life insurance, hospitalization, surgical and medical insurance—is determined by length of employment and union membership. (Legal squabbles have developed over the status of non-union workers.) Funds have also been set up to provide paid vacations.

Having benefit plans set up on the basis of local building trades unions has provided the answer to the problem of irregular employment in most large cities. Nearly all of the building trades in the largest cities now have well-established benefit funds. However, in areas where workers may move many miles from job to job, the local union does not provide an adequate base. International unions are showing interest in this problem as welfare funds spread into smaller cities and more fluid labor markets. Pension funds, with complexities in vesting rights, present especially tough questions when workers move from one area to another.

• **Doesn't hold 'em**—What effect has this mushrooming of fringe benefits had on mobility of construction workers? So far, apparently not much. Younger workers do not regard loss of distant pensions as a deterrent to moving into a new area with better job prospects. And older workers frequently are tied to an area anyway for reasons other than fringe benefits, such as home ownership.

As in other industries, employers in construction are finding fringe benefits an expensive item and an increasing component of costs. Employer contributions to 27 building trades funds in New York City alone in 1951 amounted to almost $8 million. New contracts will raise contributions next year to 10% of wages in some instances. This is in addition to legally required payments for Social Security, unemployment compensation and other fringes provided by agreements.

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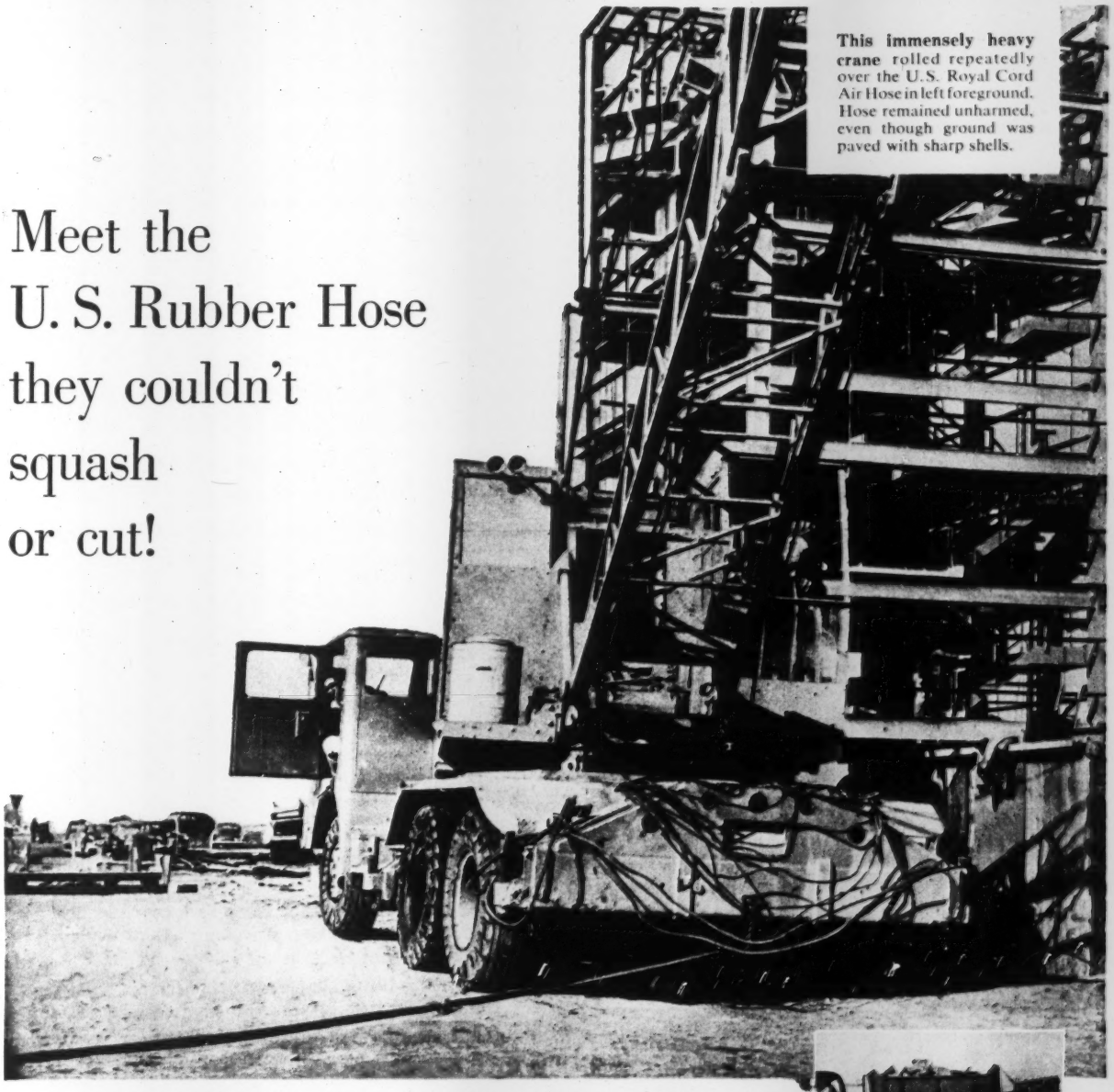

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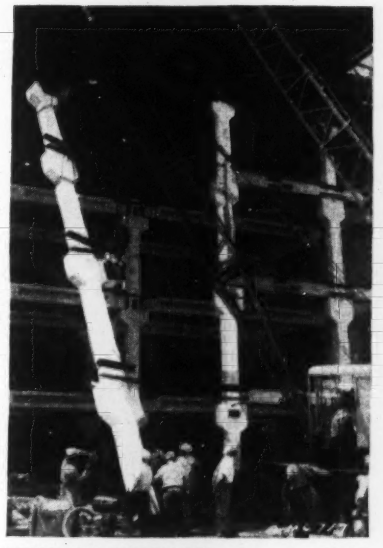
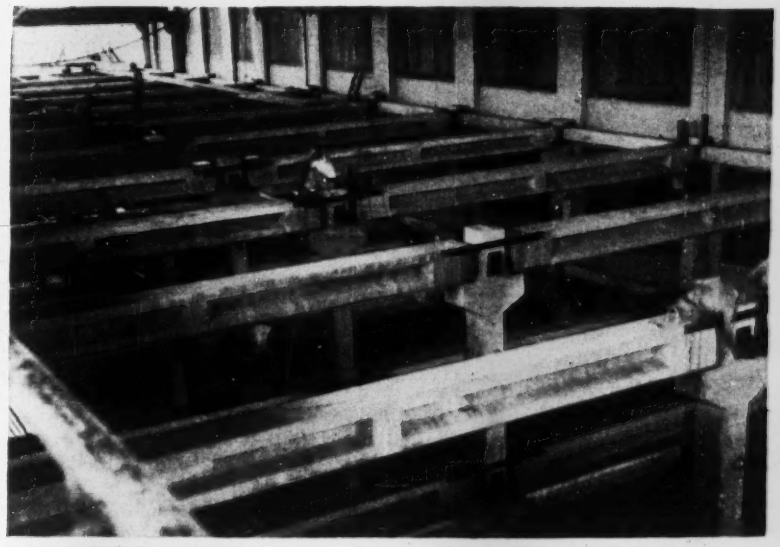


PRECAST COLUMNS were erected with a 30-ton pneumatic-tired crane.



STRUCTURAL FRAMING for a multistory office building near Baltimore consists of precast columns and prestressed beams.

3-story prestressed building is U.S.' tallest

F. W. Wilcox
Plant Engineer
The Glenn L. Martin Co.
Baltimore, Md.

An office building three stories high now under construction at a Baltimore, Md., plant of The Glenn L. Martin Co. will be the tallest structure in the United States to have a prestressed, precast concrete frame.

Precast columns extend from the basement to the third floor. They support prestressed, precast beams spanning 30½ ft at the first, second and third floors. The roof, however, is supported on 61-ft steel trusses.

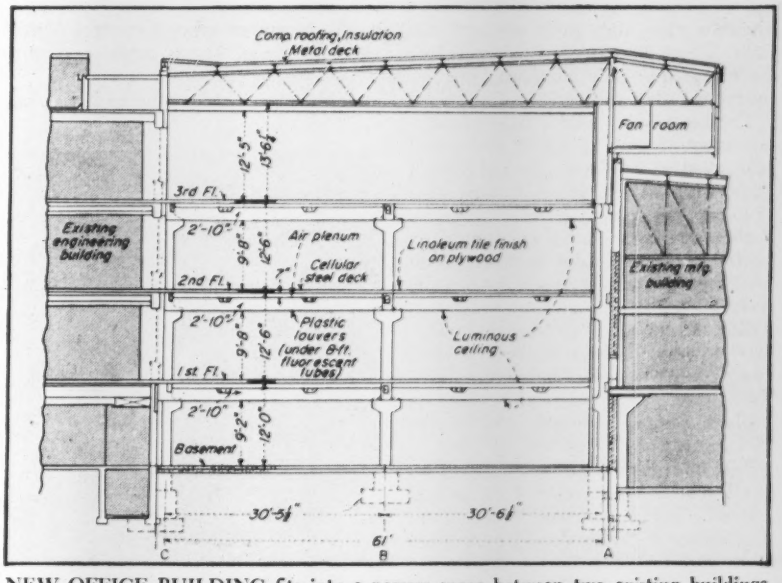
In designing and erecting the precast members, GLM engineers took advantage of experience they had just gained in building a mezzanine with similar framing inside an existing manufacturing plant at the same site (ENR June 18, p. 32). This type of construction had enabled them to fabricate and erect the mezzanine in six months—in less time than required for delivery of structural steel.

There was need for haste in completing the new office building, just as there had been for the mezzanine. The new structure had to be completed to a stage at which it could be tied into an existing building while the plant was shut down for the annual two-weeks vacation period. Construction costs were sufficiently favorable that GLM engineers specified prestressed and precast concrete members for the new structure.

• **Tight fit**—Filling a 62x364-ft gap between two existing buildings of about the same height—one containing the plant's aeronautical engineering staff; the other, manufacturing space—the three-story office building will provide additional room for the engineers. Its floors and columns, therefore, are lined up, for convenience, with the floors and columns of the engineering building.

The roof, however, is higher than the adjoining roofs. It is supported on structural steel columns resting either on the framing of the existing buildings or on wall columns of the new structure.

Precast columns are spaced 16 ft c-c along the walls of the older buildings and along the middle of the office building. Floorbeams span 30½ ft between columns in the transverse direction, while cellular steel decking spans the 16 ft between beams. Since there are no beams in the longitudinal direction, the center columns are braced below each floor with 4-in.



NEW OFFICE BUILDING fits into a narrow space between two existing buildings. Steel roof trusses span the opening, while floors are supported on three rows of columns. Offices will be air conditioned and lighted by luminous ceilings.

INSIDE BEAM FORM is reinforcing steel and flexible tubing housing prestressing steel.

dia pipe struts, and the wall columns, with precast concrete struts. The floors are designed for a 100-psf live load.

• **Members cast nearby**—The casting yard that was used for the mezzanine framing was also utilized for the precast members of the office building. Laid out on a concrete apron measuring 300x325 ft, it is located about 400 yd from the construction site.

There, on an assembly-line basis, reinforcing steel was fabricated into cages and set in forms; truck-mixed concrete was placed and cured; and prestressing steel was tensioned. Finished members were transported to the job on long trailers that are normally used for hauling aircraft components. Erection was accomplished with a 30-ton pneumatic-tired crane.

With this setup, there was no difficulty in producing columns and beams rapidly enough to meet the erection schedule. So high early strength cement, which had been a necessity for the mezzanine members, was not required for this project.

The contractor used 7 bags of ordinary cement and 36 gal of water per cubic yard of concrete. He obtained a 4-in. slump with a 1:2.1:2.6 mix, plus a plasticizing agent. In this mix, size of the pea-gravel coarse aggregate was limited to a maximum of ½ in. The resulting concrete attained a strength of 4,000 psi in 7 days.

Side forms were removed the day after casting. Bottom forms, however, could not be recovered until the seventh day, when the concrete reached design strength (3,000 psi for columns, 4,000 psi for beams).

Bottom forms were made of 2-in. plank, which was supported on 6x6-in. timbers. Side forms were constructed of ¾-in. thick plywood and assembled by bolting.

• **Column details**—Columns are of ordinary reinforced concrete construction. About 40 ft long, they weigh nearly 12 tons apiece.

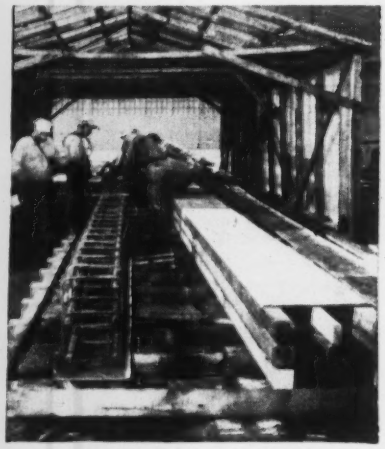
In cross section, columns along the existing engineering building are 14x20 in.; those along the wall of the manufacturing building are 16x20 in. And the center columns are 16x24 in. Just below first, second and third-floor levels, these members flare out 15 in. to form a seat for the beams.

Most of the columns have a plain concrete base. These members were seated in an open-box concrete foundation (see sketch). After they had been aligned and adjusted to the proper elevation, the box was filled with grout. A few columns had steel plates welded to the reinforcing rods at the base, for a conventional base-plate connection to a concrete footing.

Where beams frame into the columns, horizontal through bolts were embedded in the column concrete to anchor horizontal steel angles. Bolted to the beams or welded to steel plates in their sides, these angles tie the beams to the columns.

Bolts also were embedded in the center columns to anchor T-sections, which are used for connections with the longitudinal pipe bracing.

The reinforced concrete struts between wall columns are bolted to the angles that tie the beams to these columns.



REINFORCING for three-story high columns was welded into cages.

• **Prestressed beams** — Spanning the building in the transverse direction, the beams are H-shape in cross section, except for short lengths of rectangular section at the ends and center. Weighing 6.2 tons apiece, they are 20 in. wide and 24 in. deep.

Prior to the casting of concrete for the beams, a small amount of reinforcing steel for stress distribution, plus some handling and connection inserts, were placed in the forms. Also, since prestressing bars were not to be bonded to the concrete initially, inserts were set in the forms to provide holes for the bars.

These inserts consisted of flexible, light-gage metal tubing with a dummy steel bar temporarily inside, pending delivery of the prestressing steel. When the concrete had attained sufficient strength for prestressing, the dummy bars were removed and the high-strength bars inserted.

Typical beams were prestressed with three 1⅛-in. dia bars with threaded ends. The threads enabled a jack to grip the bars and also permitted anchoring them by the tightening of a nut against a steel plate in the beam ends. All three bars are curved in a vertical plane to give the prestressing force an upward component.

Each bar was tensioned to 100,000 lb in one step, with a hydraulic jack. (Design prestress is 15% less, assuming losses due to shrinkage and plastic flow of the concrete and creep of the steel). This task was carried out by three men, who tensioned about 40 bars per day.

After the bars had been anchored at the beam ends, grout was forced into the tubing to establish bond between the bars and the beam concrete. Piping had been welded to the tubing in advance for this purpose.

Here, in particular, GLM engineers gained from their experience with the mezzanine framing. They increased the size of the grouting tube from ⅜ in. to ½ in. and reduced bends to less than 90 deg. to make pumping of the grout easier. Also, they found it advisable to feed the grout into the bottom of the light-gage bar housing; for on the previous job, they had learned that the bars, when tensioned, move to the top of the enclosure, leaving a void underneath.

• **Simple erection**—The steel roof trusses, supported on the adjoining

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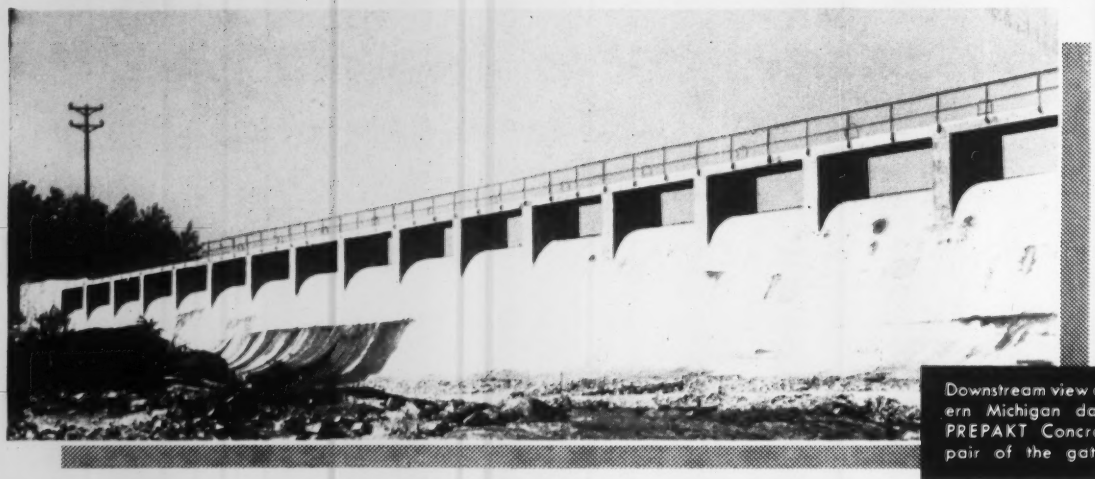

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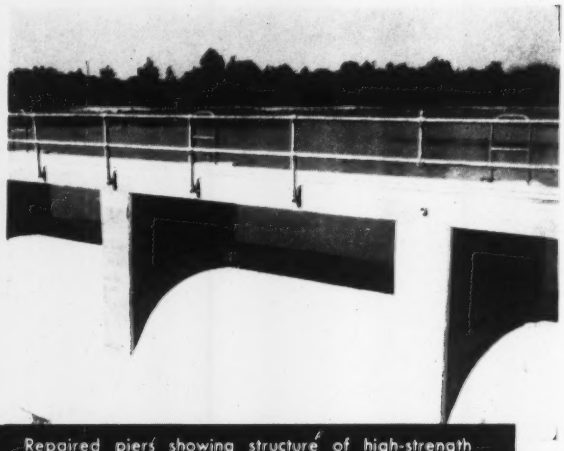

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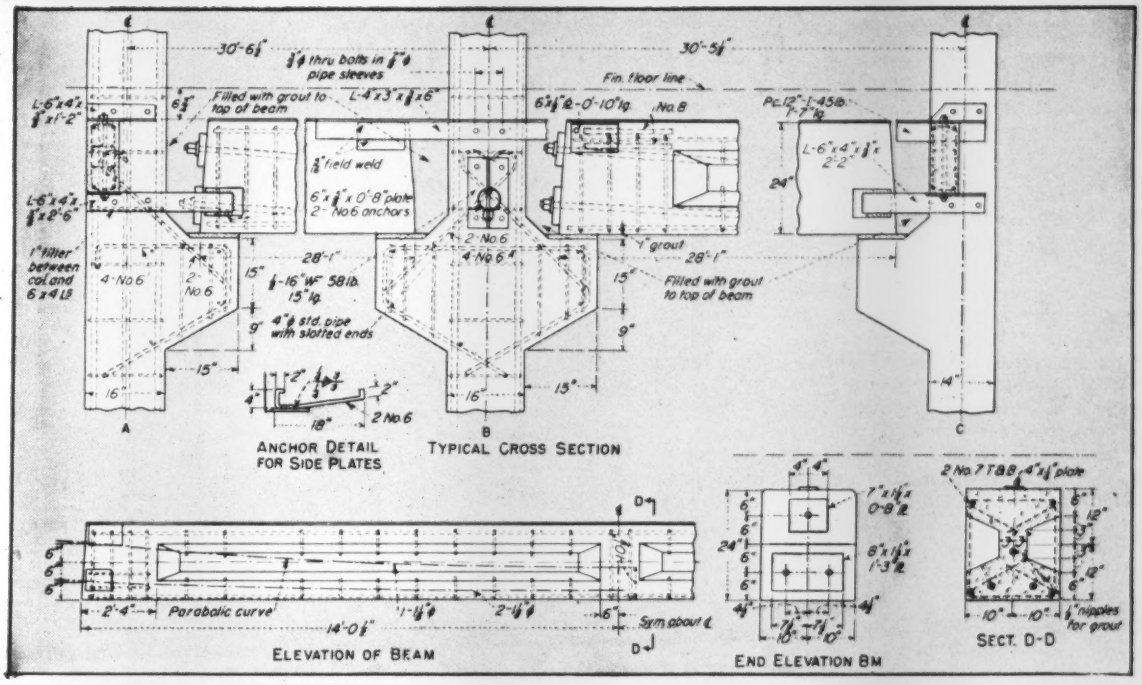


BEAM-TO-COLUMN CONNECTIONS are made with angles bolted to columns and welded to plates on the beams. Pipe braces for columns have slotted ends to slide on webs of T-sections bolted to columns. Beams are prestressed with high-strength steel bars.

buildings, were erected first. The roof was constructed next, placing the site under cover, so that foundation work and erection could be carried out regardless of weather. This covering consisted of a light-gage steel deck, ½-in. thick cane-fiber insulation board and builtup roofing—all carried on steel purlins spaced 8 ft on centers.

The precast columns, when erected, reached only to the third floor, one story below the trusses. Until they could be braced, they were tied to the trusses with rope.

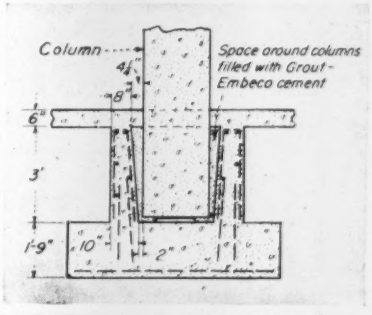
The beams were set on metal shims on the column seats. Those erected first were bolted to the angles attached to the column faces. But due to difficulties in aligning holes in the angles with bolts through the beams, this connection was superseded by one permitting greater tolerances: The angles were welded to steel plates in the sides of the beams. (Welded to anchor bars, these plates had been set with the inserts that were placed in the beam forms before the concrete was cast.)

Connecting pipe struts to brace the center columns longitudinally was a simple matter. Flanges of a T-section (half of a wide-flange beam) were bolted to the sides of each column, with the web in a vertical plane. Ends of the pipe were slotted. Hence, the pipe could be positioned merely by sliding these slotted ends over the T-section webs until they came to rest against metal stops welded to the webs. Then, to complete the connection, the pipe was welded to the tees.

Erection of the 320 units in the framing required only four weeks.

• **Floors go in swiftly**—After the beams were in place, ¼ x 4-in. steel strips were attached on top with a cartridge-powered tool. Next, cellular steel deck was tackwelded to these strips. Then, electric wires were strung through the cells of the deck so that power would be available at frequent intervals. Finally, a plywood subfloor was glued to the deck and linoleum tile set on top.

A sheet metal ceiling was erected below the deck to form a plenum for supply air from the air-conditioning system. Rows of air outlets were placed in this ceiling along the center line of each bay to feed air to the offices. Supply air will be distributed to the plenums through a duct along the manufacturing-building wall. Exhaust air will be returned through another duct in the same location.



FOOTING for typical precast columns is an open concrete box—filled with grout after the column was positioned.

A luminuous ceiling was installed under the air plenum. Consisting of rows of 8-ft long fluorescent tubes, spaced 24 to 30 in. apart, and plastic louvers with ⅜-in. openings, this lighting system is expected to furnish 70 ft-c initially at desk level uniformly throughout the entire area.

Only through close collaboration between the Plant Engineering Department of The Glenn L. Martin Co. and Albert Kahn Associated Architects and Engineers, Inc., Detroit, Mich., in the design of this building was it possible to achieve the speed necessary for the tight erection schedule. Construction was under the supervision of GLM. The author is in charge of the Plant Engineering Department; C. H. Skinner is chief of facilities engineering, G. W. Wadsworth, chief of building maintenance, and A. H. Woodward, project engineer.

Redding & Company furnished labor and supervision for field work. Stressteel Corp., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., fabricated the prestressing bars.

THE 30-DAY FORECAST of the U. S. Weather Bureau for the period from mid-November to mid-December calls for temperatures to average above seasonal normal over the eastern half of the nation except in the Gulf States, where near normal averages are expected. Below normal temperatures are indicated west of the Continental Divide and in West Texas. In areas not specified, near normal is predicted.

Precipitation amounts in excess of normal are indicated for most of the nation except in the South Atlantic and Northern Plateau States, where subnormal amounts are in prospect.

OBSERVED PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURE IN 20 CITIES, COMPARED WITH NORMALS

	Precipitation, inches				Temperature, degrees F.			
	Oct. 1953	Departure fr. normal	10 mos. 1953	Departure fr. normal	Mean Oct. '53	Departure fr. normal	Av. daily Maximum	Av. daily Minimum
Atlanta	0.90	−2.51	43.04	−0.57	64.0	+0.6	74.5	54.8
Baltimore	2.75	−0.62	44.31	+7.63	61.5	+2.2	70.4	52.5
Birmingham	0.21	−2.65	39.30	−5.10	65.2	+1.5	79.9	50.5
Boston	4.91	+2.12	44.98	+13.08	56.2	+1.2	64.1	48.2
Chicago	1.25	−1.31	25.28	−3.16	59.7	+5.6	71.1	48.3
Cincinnati	1.17	−1.02	24.46	−8.98	60.0	+2.6	73.5	46.4
Cleveland	1.28	−1.14	27.22	+0.09	57.4	+3.0	70.2	44.5
Dallas	3.20	+0.53	20.83	−8.54	69.4	+0.6	81.1	57.6
Denver	0.56	−0.44	11.10	−1.11	55.4	+2.4	67.4	43.4
Detroit	0.63	−1.66	21.68	−5.32	56.8	+3.9	68.4	45.2
Kansas City	1.64	−1.29	18.00	−13.64	63.4	+3.8	74.6	52.2
Los Angeles	T	−0.50	2.89	−7.51	69.1	+5.2	80.5	57.7
Minneapolis	0.15	−1.50	24.61	+2.26	57.4	+7.0	69.0	45.0
New Orleans	0.63	−3.03	52.23	−2.72	72.9	+0.1	80.4	65.3
New York	3.92	+0.88	39.84	+3.97	60.1	+3.1	67.9	52.3
Philadelphia	3.50	+0.89	43.73	+8.35	61.5	+3.0	70.2	52.7
Pittsburgh	1.23	−1.26	29.61	−1.87	57.9	+2.0	69.8	46.0
St. Louis	2.89	−0.01	21.68	−11.15	63.7	+3.1	73.8	53.5
San Francisco	0.34	−0.73	9.95	−4.22	61.6	+0.6	69.4	53.7
Seattle	3.55	+0.47	28.81	6.69	55.8	+1.4	61.7	49.9

T = less than 0.005 inches.

PRECIPITATION RANGE IN 20 CITIES, IN INCHES

Table shows range observed 33.3% of time. Rainfall heavier 33.3% of time, lighter 33.3% of time.
Computed by U. S. Weather Bureau (based on historical records of actual precipitation)

City	Nov.	Mid. Nov.-Mid. Dec.	Dec.	Mid. Dec.-Mid. Jan.	Jan.	Mid. Jan.-Mid. Feb.	February	Mid. Feb.-Mid. Mar.	March	Mid. Mar.-Mid. Apr.	April	Mid. Apr.-Mid. May	May	Mid. May Mid. June
Atlanta	2.43/3.85	2.94/4.58	3.46/5.30	3.42/5.32	3.39/5.33	3.38/5.50	3.36/5.67	3.40/6.00	3.43/6.33	3.12/5.72	2.82/5.10	2.48/4.72	2.14/4.33	2.50/4.38
Baltimore	1.56/3.12	1.99/3.43	2.41/3.73	2.59/3.85	2.77/3.96	2.57/3.68	2.36/3.39	2.48/3.76	2.59/4.13	2.59/4.17	2.55/4.29	2.76/4.30	2.94/4.40	2.73/4.42
Birmingham	2.17/3.91	2.94/4.83	3.71/5.75	3.75/5.58	3.75/5.40	3.61/5.64	3.47/5.88	4.18/6.26	4.44/6.63	3.91/5.85	2.94/5.07	3.05/4.81	3.16/4.55	2.90/4.70
Boston	2.74/4.46	2.82/4.33	2.89/4.20	2.83/4.12	2.77/4.05	2.70/3.99	2.64/3.93	2.79/4.22	2.94/4.50	2.66/4.45	2.39/4.40	2.58/4.29	2.78/4.18	2.42/3.84
Chicago	1.59/2.80	1.46/2.62	1.32/2.45	1.30/2.28	1.29/2.10	1.40/2.16	1.52/2.23	1.76/2.67	1.93/3.11	2.03/3.12	2.19/3.13	2.24/3.56	2.16/4.00	2.29/3.88
Cincinnati	1.99/3.67	2.14/3.48	2.29/3.28	2.32/3.54	2.34/3.80	2.07/3.40	1.80/3.00	2.10/3.64	2.39/4.29	2.66/3.94	2.34/3.60	2.42/3.85	2.49/4.10	2.59/4.30
Cleveland	1.82/2.77	1.76/2.66	1.70/2.56	1.65/2.58	1.59/2.60	1.55/2.52	1.51/2.43	1.81/2.71	2.10/2.98	2.15/3.13	2.20/3.27	2.27/3.38	2.33/3.49	2.17/3.53
Dallas	1.64/3.00	1.36/3.00	1.09/3.00	1.24/3.05	1.39/3.10	1.49/2.70	1.59/2.30	1.95/3.05	2.34/3.86	2.50/4.68	2.65/5.50	2.82/5.38	2.93/5.25	2.39/4.85
Denver	0.29/0.68	0.34/0.72	0.39/0.77	0.28/0.64	0.18/0.50	0.26/0.54	0.34/0.58	0.45/0.84	0.59/1.10	0.95/1.75	1.34/2.40	1.48/2.65	1.62/2.90	0.64/2.32
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New Orleans	2.69/4.67	2.96/4.92	3.24/5.17	3.36/5.28	3.49/5.40	3.14/5.05	2.79/4.70	3.00/5.00	3.22/5.30	2.94/5.15	2.66/5.00	2.65/5.12	2.64/5.25	3.18/5.88
New York	2.21/3.95	2.42/3.86	2.64/3.77	2.55/3.71	2.46/3.65	2.41/3.88	2.36/4.10	2.35/4.08	2.34/4.05	2.40/3.92	2.47/3.78	2.50/3.90	2.54/4.02	2.45/3.91
Philadelphia	2.36/3.50	2.50/3.70	2.64/3.90	2.60/3.80	2.57/3.70	2.57/3.69	2.57/3.68	2.60/3.84	2.62/4.00	2.58/3.91	2.49/3.82	2.44/4.11	2.39/4.40	2.54/4.25
Pittsburgh	1.84/2.92	1.96/3.00	2.09/3.27	2.21/3.20	2.14/3.13	1.96/2.98	1.77/2.83	2.06/3.15	2.34/3.47	2.32/3.44	2.29/3.40	2.39/3.58	2.49/3.75	2.68/3.98
St. Louis	1.86/3.30	1.70/3.05	1.64/2.80	1.52/2.75	1.39/2.70	1.48/2.80	1.57/2.90	1.92/3.42	2.27/3.95	2.43/3.88	2.59/4.10	2.86/4.65	3.13/5.20	2.96/5.25
San Francisco	1.04/3.30	1.62/4.28	2.19/5.25	2.34/5.12	2.49/5.00	2.24/4.86	1.99/4.71	1.96/4.13	1.94/3.55	1.30/2.54	0.67/1.54	0.44/1.12	0.18/0.69	0.09/0.37
Seattle	3.82/5.60	4.00/5.74	4.17/5.89	4.14/5.57	4.12/5.25	3.34/4.92	2.55/4.60	2.18/4.02	1.81/3.43	1.72/3.16	1.64/2.90	1.53/2.45	1.42/2.00	1.09/1.86

MEAN TEMPERATURE RANGE FOR 20 CITIES, IN DEGREES F.

Table shows range observed 25% of time. Mean temperature higher 37.5% of time, lower 37.5% of time.
Computed by U. S. Weather Bureau (based on historical records of actual temperature)

City	Nov.	Mid. Nov.-Mid. Dec.	Dec.	Mid. Dec.-Mid. Jan.	Jan.	Mid. Jan.-Mid. Feb.	February	Mid. Feb.-Mid. Mar.	March	Mid. Mar.-Mid. Apr.	April	Mid. Apr.-Mid. May	May	Mid. May-Mid. June
Atlanta	76.9/78.5	46.6/48.4	44.0/46.0	43.3/45.3	43.5/45.5	44.0/46.4	45.1/47.9	47.5/50.1	51.2/53.6	55.9/58.0	60.9/62.6	64.9/66.5	69.0/70.5	73.5/74.6
Baltimore	45.6/47.0	40.2/42.0	35.8/37.8	32.2/36.1	33.9/35.7	33.4/36.0	34.6/38.0	38.1/41.7	42.0/45.7	46.6/49.4	51.9/53.6	57.5/59.0	63.4/64.6	68.2/69.5
Birmingham	50.7/53.2	46.5/48.9	44.3/46.5	43.4/46.1	43.5/46.5	44.4/47.6	46.0/49.4	48.8/5.17	52.4/54.7	56.6/58.5	61.1/62.6	64.6/66.3	68.4/70.2	72.4/74.5
Boston	43.6/45.6	36.8/39.2	31.2/34.0	28.9/31.9	27.9/31.2	26.4/29.6	27.8/30.0	31.4/34.0	35.6/38.6	41.1/43.3	46.7/48.3	51.5/53.1	56.7/58.4	56.8/58.6
Chicago	38.6/41.5	31.2/35.0	25.7/30.3	23.7/28.5	23.2/28.1	23.1/28.1	24.7/30.0	29.2/34.2	34.6/39.1	40.9/43.8	47.5/48.8	52.7/54.7	57.9/60.5	63.1/66.1
Cincinnati	42.0/44.5	35.9/39.1	31.4/35.2	30.1/34.4	29.8/34.6	29.9/34.4	31.6/36.0	35.2/39.2	39.6/43.1	45.4/48.1	51.4/53.3	56.4/58.6	61.5/64.0	66.7/68.9
Cleveland	40.5/42.7	34.3/37.2	29.3/32.9	27.3/30.9	26.9/30.5	26.0/29.6	26.2/29.7	29.8/33.7	34.7/38.8	40.3/43.2	46.2/47.8	51.8/53.9	57.9/60.3	63.5/65.7
Dallas	54.3/56.7	49.9/52.3	47.0/49.3	44.8/47.1	44.1/47.5	45.5/49.2	48.8/52.2	51.9/55.6	55.5/59.6	60.1/63.7	64.2/67.3	68.4/71.1	72.8/75.0	77.2/78.8
Denver	38.0/41.4	33.5/36.7	30.5/33.5	28.3/31.4	27.0/30.0	27.9/31.5	30.5/34.7	33.1/36.8	38.9/39.1	40.4/43.2	46.3/48.6	51.1/53.4	55.2/57.4	60.0/62.1
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Los Angeles	57.9/59.8	56.5/58.2	54.9/56.5	53.4/54.8	52.7/54.0	52.6/54.3	52.9/55.1	54.1/56.3	55.4/57.4	56.6/58.4	58.1/59.7	59.8/61.3	61.4/62.8	62.5/64.0
Minneapolis	30.9/36.0	22.5/28.1	16.2/22.3	13.8/18.4	13.4/16.5	13.3/17.7	15.0/20.8	21.7/25.9	29.9/32.5	37.3/40.3	44.7/47.9	51.3/54.4	57.2/60.2	62.2/64.9
New Orleans	59.0/61.9	56.0/58.5	54.6/56.8	53.2/56.0	52.6/56.0	54.0/54.4	55.9/59.3	57.6/60.8	60.6/63.0	63.4/65.7	67.4/69.1	70.7/72.1	73.8/74.9	77.0/78.1
New York	46.5/47.9	40.2/42.3	34.6/37.5	32.5/35.2	32.0/34.6	30.9/33.6	30.9/33.6	34.1/36.8	38.7/41.3	43.6/46.0	49.0/51.0	54.6/56.3	60.6/62.1	65.9/67.5
Philadelphia	45.3/47.2	39.5/42.0	35.1/37.3	32.7/35.4	31.8/35.0	31.1/34.3	32.3/35.3	36.4/39.2	40.8/43.5	45.6/47.9	50.8/52.6	56.2/58.0	62.3/64.0	67.5/69.2
Pittsburgh	40.3/42.0	34.0/36.4	29.5/32.6	27.8/31.0	26.9/30.1	26.4/30.5	26.9/32.0	30.5/35.4	36.0/40.6	43.3/46.5	48.0/49.8	53.1/55.1	58.7/60.9	63.5/65.8
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San Francisco	53.8/55.0	50.9/52.3	48.7/50.2	47.1/48.9	46.9/49.1	48.3/50.8	50.0/51.7	51.0/52.8	51.7/53.5	52.4/54.2	53.2/55.0	54.3/55.9	55.9/57.4	57.5/59.1
Seattle	43.1/44.5	41.0/42.4	39.4/40.7	37.7/39.0	37.2/38.5	38.2/40.0	39.7/42.0	41.7/43.3	43.6/44.7	45.8/47.2	48.2/49.9	51.0/52.9	54.2/56.3	56.9/58.5

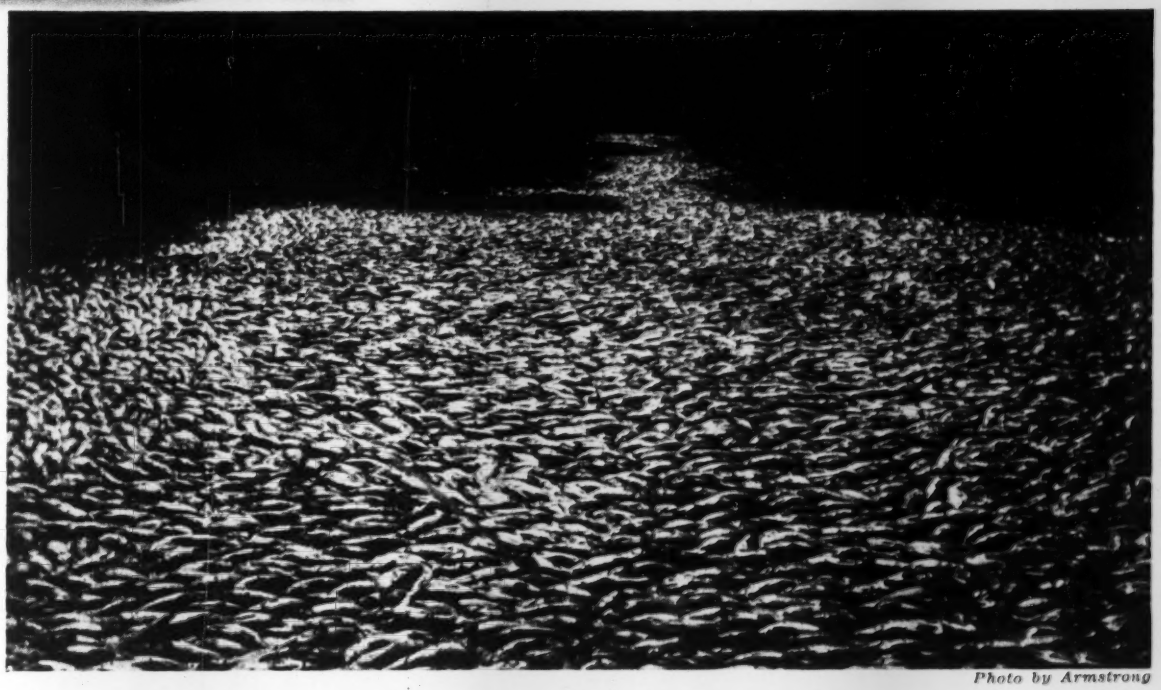

Photo by Armstrong

What killed these carp on the Kalamazoo?

"Four acres of carp corpses" (above) made Picture of the Week in LIFE magazine a few weeks ago. And while LIFE may not have given a technically perfect explanation for the fish kill, the impressive picture story had real impact on pollution abatement progress along Michigan's Kalamazoo River.

According to Milton P. Adams, executive-secretary of Michigan's Water Resources Commission, the hardy carp did not die, as LIFE reported, "of an entirely new cause—starvation," but a familiar old bugaboo—oxygen depletion.

The important thing here, as far as Mr. Adams and others interested in pollution abatement are concerned, is that LIFE's millions of readers were given a graphic and readily understandable picture of an extreme effect of stream pollution.

Here are additional facts:

Zero dissolved oxygen was found in 40 miles of the Kalamazoo River above Allegan on Sept. 3 and 4. In the same section biochemical oxygen demand of the stream ranged up to 50 ppm at certain stations while hydrogen sulfide determinations from water samples were as high as 2.5 ppm.

During the following ten days a progressive killing of the carp continued in Allegan Lake. This condition extended down to the municipal dam located five miles below Allegan as water of the excessively polluted stream displaced the fresher waters of the impoundment.

Fish killing was immediately preceded and accompanied by hydrogen sulfide odor complaints and recorded discoloration of household silverware in Otsego, plus visible damage to exterior paint on houses near the river at Cooper, Plainwell, Otsego and Allegan.

Prolonged hot weather and lower than usual August and September stream flows in the Kalamazoo River, coupled with untreated sewage and industrial wastes and previously deposited sludge loadings, accounted for this unprecedented occurrence.

Orders had been adopted by the State Water Resources Commission in 1951, calling for sewage treatment and substantial reduction in industrial waste loadings by eleven mills that use the river from Kalamazoo to Otsego for waste disposal. Compliance dates ranged from 1953 to 1955.

Total loadings on the river at the time of the recent catastrophe was estimated to be about 5 percent less than that imposed at the time of surveys made in 1950.

LIFE's statement that "stepping up" of production by the paper mills caused the oxygen depletion that resulted in death of the carp is not in accord with the facts, according to Michigan engineers.

The pulp mill wastes of one lower-river mill are now being given further attention by the commission with the prospect that additional restrictions will be placed soon on the largest dissolved BOD loading in the valley.

Reactions to the fish kill and the hydrogen sulfide fumes and the attendant publicity were fast and positive. Citizens were aroused to the point of demanding immediate legal action. Others have counseled against such action. In any event many doubts as to the need of meeting previously established commission requirements have been dispelled by the killing of the carp.

Thinner runway edges?

It may be possible to economize in building airport runways by making the edges of the pavement thinner, suggests the Institute of Transportation and Traffic Engineering of the University of California.

The institute tested 750 landings and take-offs at Oakland, San Francisco and Los Angeles Airports to determine how much use is made of portions of the runway to the right or left of center.

If analysis of the observations shows that the edges of runways don't get much wear, future runways can be built with thinner edges, substantially reducing cost of materials, according to Robert Horonjeff and John Hugh Jones, Institute staff members who are supervising the tests.

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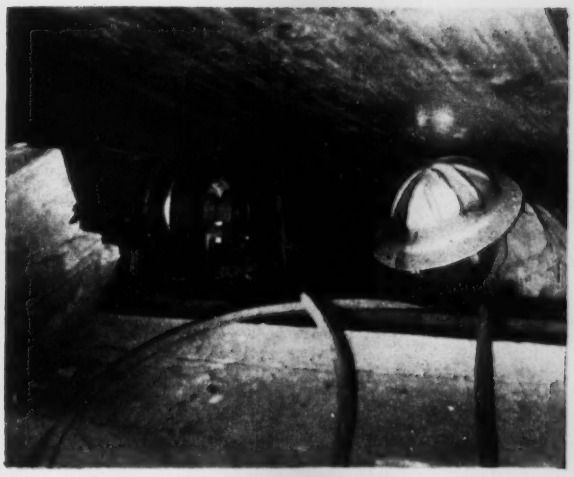
SUBMERGED WELDING MACHINE welds 26-ft dia tunnel liners for Palisades Dam. Welding is backed up as . . .



UNDERNEATH THE STEEL SHELLS rollers position belt conveyor that carries welding flux. This is key to backup.

Automatic welding goes into the field to assemble tunnel-lining sections

Steel liners for tunnels at Palisades Dam in Idaho are being fabricated by a welding process that is new to field work. The ⅜-in. steel plate is assembled into 26-ft dia sections 40-ft long, using a submerged-arc automatic welding process with pressure backup. The pressure backup part is new.

Specifications for the welding work require that the circumferential joints include either double or single welded butt welds with backing strips on the outside. The pressure backup system eliminates the necessity of a backup strip or of welding from both sides.

This method—known technically as submerged melt automatic shielded arc with controlled pressure melt backup—has been used extensively in shop work, but has not been subjected to the varying conditions of field fabrication. The effect of weather changes and training field crews in complicated automatic welding processes have been major problems.

Basic element in the process is a standard submerged arc unit that works inside the liner. Granular welding flux is held against the joint on the outside to form the pressure backup.

Getting the flux material to the proper place in the proper quantities is no simple trick: It must be fed continuously to the underside of the large diameter units, by a conveyor belt system. Rollers, bearing against the shell, maintain the proper contact of flux with metal. And a workman using a vacuum device in the relatively narrow space under the large assembly gathers used and excess flux for reclaiming and reuse.

Steel plate is delivered to Palisades in 120-deg. arcs rolled to shape. Width is either 8 or 10 ft. Three of these units are tack-welded to form a cylinder. Then stiffener rings (6x⅞ in. spaced not more than 5 ft apart) are tack-welded on. A spider is attached inside the pipe at each stiffener ring. Next, the sections are rotated while the stiffener is continuously welded on.

Longitudinal welds are made with a pressure backup system similar to that employed for the girth welds. After the longitudinal welds are completed and the stiffeners mounted, the section is tack-welded to another section or sections. This is followed by the continuous circumferential welding. Other units are added until the 40-ft length has been completed.

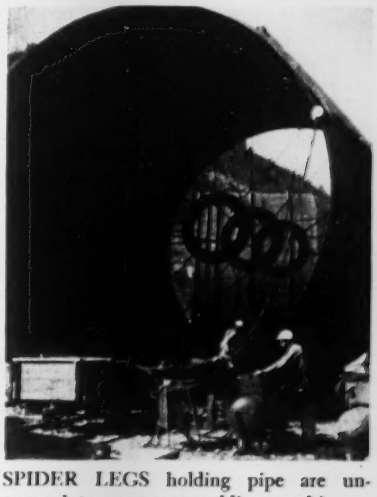
Only the last 728 ft (a little more than half) of the dam's power and outlet tunnels will be steel-lined. A 28 ft dia spillway tunnel will have no lining.

Below the lined section of the outlet tunnel there will be an outlet manifold. And at the end of the power tunnel will be a penstock and powerhouse by-pass assembly. Both of these will be fabricated of heavy steel plate. But similar fabrication methods will be followed.

The difference is that this metal varies in thickness from 1 1/16 to 1⅝ in. And all of this heavy material must be stress-relieved and radiograph inspected. Facilities are being installed for such work at the present time.

• **Haulage unit**—The tunnel liner assembly work is also noteworthy for

WORKMAN CHECKS HOPPER to see if weld flux being fed to underside of liner assembly is in adequate supply.



SPIDER LEGS holding pipe are unscrewed to pass over welding machine as huge units are slowly rotated.

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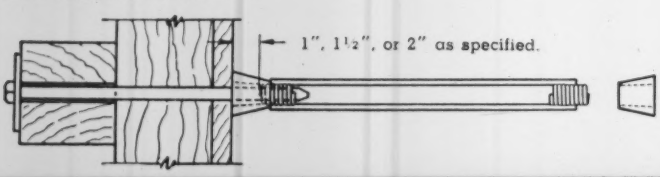

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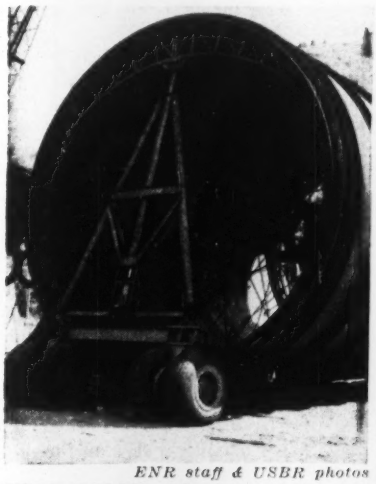
a hauling arrangement that moves the heavy sections from the fabrication area to the tunnel portal. This involves a truck unit and a rear dolly unit each of which has a circular frame that is jacked into the end of the assembly. The jacking pressure holds the frames fast as the units make the ¾-mile trip.

Prime contract for work at Palisades Dam is held by Palisades Contractors, Inc. Subcontractor for plate steel assembly is American Pipe and Construction Co. with Robert Low heading the field work.

Palisades Dam, a U. S. Bureau of Reclamation project, is on the south fork of the Snake River, in eastern Idaho. Louis B. Ackerman is construction engineer for USBR.

COMPLETED SECTION is hauled from field fabricating yard to tunnel by special unit that uses the 40-ft-long steel liner as a trailer. Truss arcs are part of hauling assembly. Spiders are left inside liner until concrete backing is completed.



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REAR DOLLY of hauling unit has jack in frame to hold the assembly fast to tunnel liner. Main joints of assembly are pin connected.

SKEWED-ARCH FRAMING forms a diamond pattern over a new municipal auditorium in Corpus Christi, Tex. Open-web purlins span between the main members.

Steel lamella supports long-span roof

In only 25 working days, 260 tons of steel covering 65,000 sq ft were erected for the arched roof of the Municipal Civic Auditorium in Corpus Christi, Tex. Springing from concrete buttresses along the sides of the building, the main members, circular steel arches, span 224 ft with a rise of 30 ft, providing a 42-ft clear height at midspan.

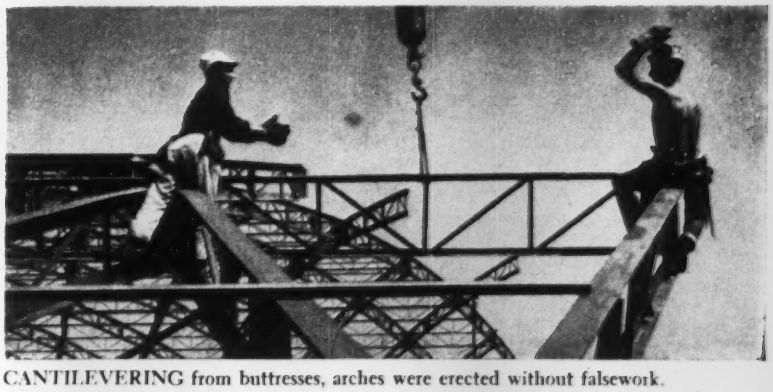
The construction, though not new, is unusual. Known as lamella construction, it was introduced into this country about 1925. Main members span between supports on a skew, the areas included between intersecting members being diamond shaped. In the past, the framing also has been made of wood or reinforced concrete.

Fabrication of the auditorium roof framing was simplified by making lamella units identical, but right and left hand. Erection also was simplified because only two types of purlins were required. Falsework was necessary only to erect the first few members; after that, members were erected with a crane.

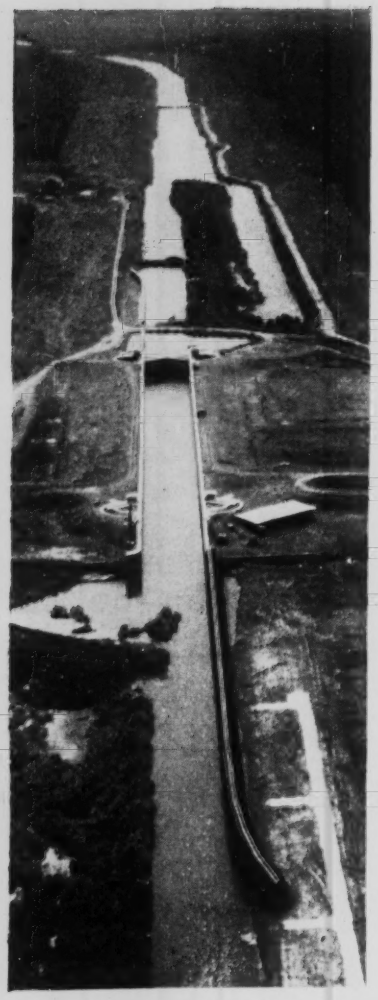
Arches and purlins are open-web members, 24 in. deep (span-depth ratio of 112). Main and intermediate purlins, spaced about 6 ft apart, will support a welded metal deck insulation and built-up roofing. High-tensile bolts were used to erect the arches; otherwise the framing is all-welded.

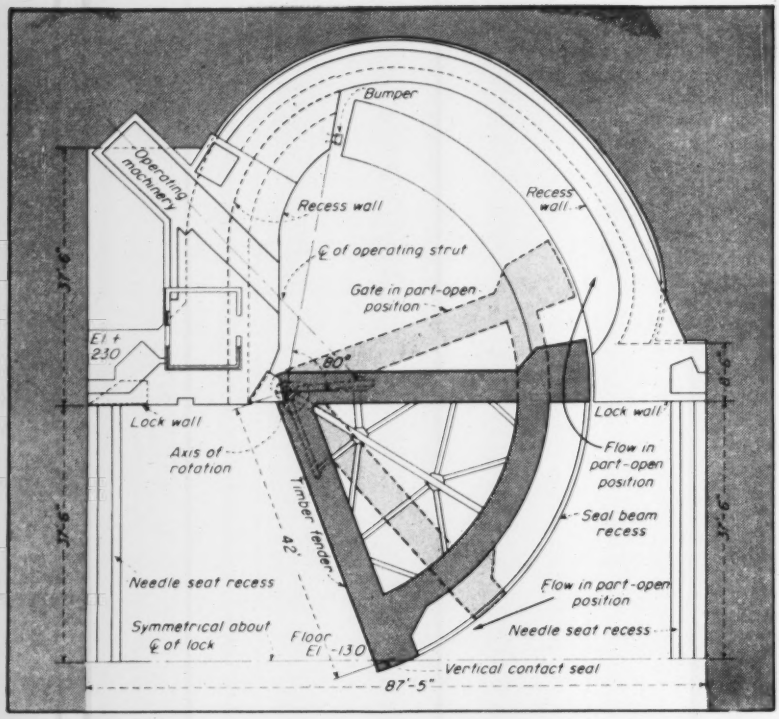
Roof Structures of Texas, with offices at Austin and Houston, holds the contract for the auditorium roof. Design and details were prepared by C. R. Kiewitt and Hale and Harvie—all of St. Louis, Mo. The lamella units were fabricated by Columbia Iron Works, St. Louis, and the purlins, by Tips Engine Works, Austin. Gulf Erection Co., of Houston, Tex., erected the steel.

Richard S. Colley is the architect, and Walsh Construction Co., the general contractor—both of Corpus Christi.



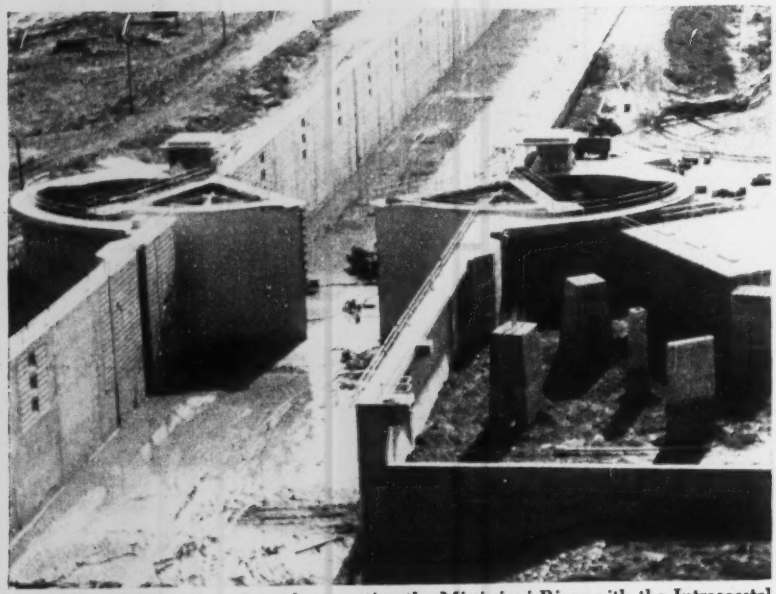
CANTILEVERING from buttresses, arches were erected without falsework.





SECTOR GATES of an improved design were built for Algiers lock. The design is based on a type originating in Sweden, but unlike the Swedish gate, the water going around the gate leaves enters the chamber back of the pintles. By passing about two-thirds of the water through the recesses, turbulence in the chamber is much less than when all water passes between the gate leaves, and the filling time is reduced.

Improved lock gate design reduces filling turbulence



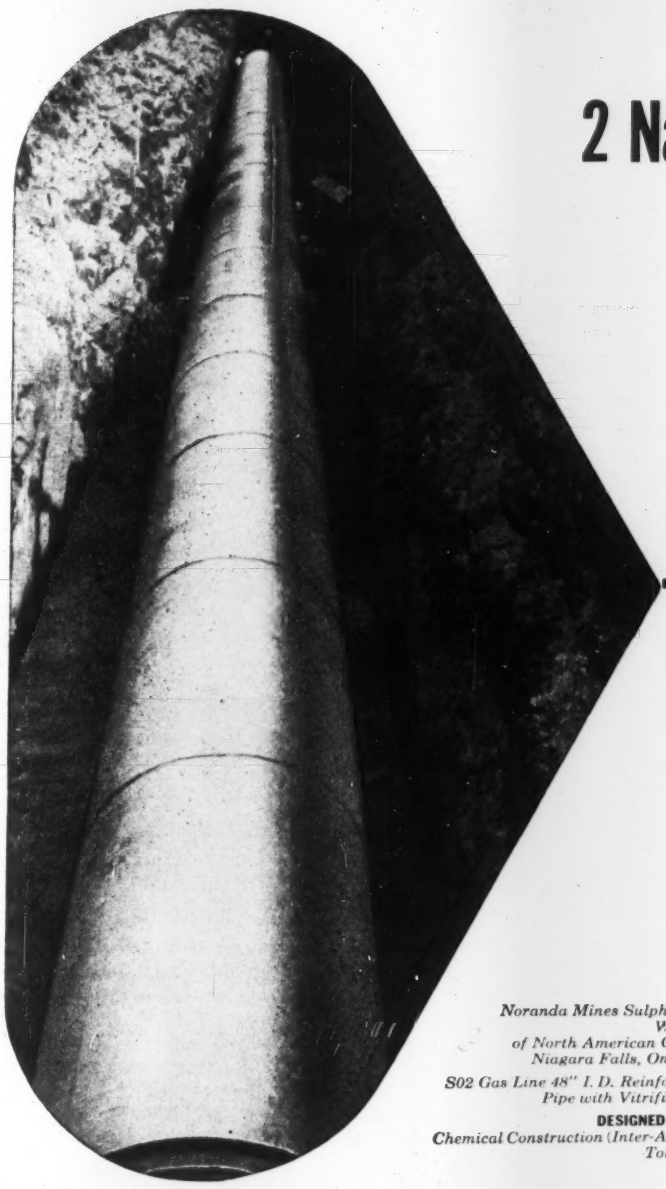
ALGIERS LOCK on a new canal connecting the Mississippi River with the Intracoastal Waterway southwest of New Orleans.

A material reduction in turbulence within the lock chamber has been obtained at the new Algiers lock on the Intracoastal Waterway near New Orleans, through an improved design for the sector gates of that structure. Operating characteristics of the lock also have been improved.

Algiers lock is located on a new canal being built to the west of the Mississippi River below New Orleans to provide an additional connection with the Intracoastal Waterway. Traffic on the waterway has increased from an estimated 5 million tons in 1925, when modernization of the waterway was authorized, to 35.5 million tons in 1952. Traffic now moving from the waterway into the Mississippi passes through Harvey lock opposite New Orleans.

The new canal branches off the present channel about six miles south of the Harvey lock and extends northeast to the river, a distance of nine miles.

Algiers lock is set back some 2,000 ft from the river to provide an ade-



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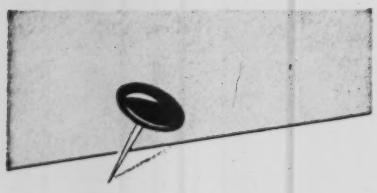

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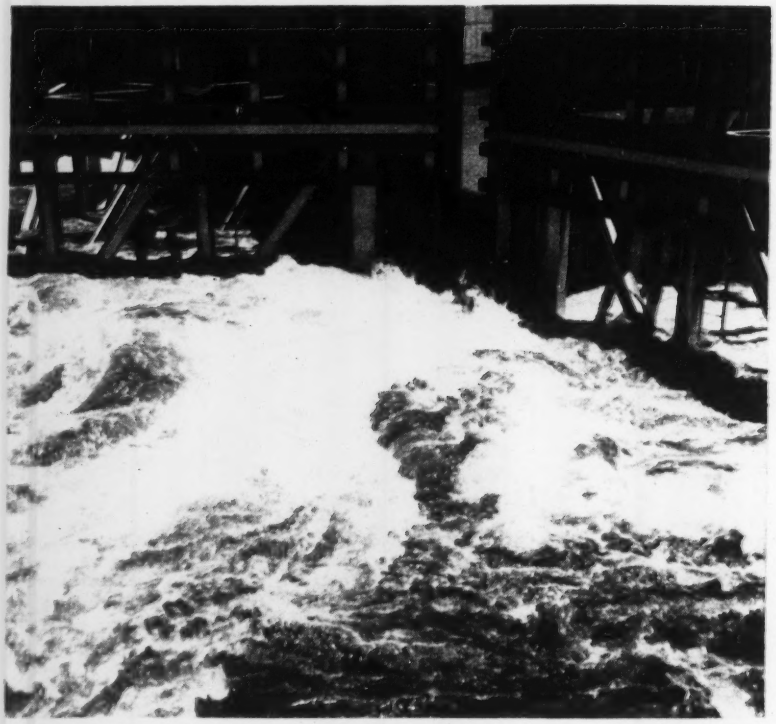


ENERGY IS DISSIPATED HARMLESSLY back of a partly open gate as water passing through the recess for one gate leaf meets water from the opposite side head-on at the center of the lock.

quate approach channel for tows waiting to get into the lock from the river.

The lock chamber is 75 ft wide and 800 ft long, with a usable length of 760 ft. Its floor is 13 ft below mean-low Gulf level and the top of the wall is 23 ft above that level.

Purpose of the lock is to permit barge traffic to enter or leave the river at all stages, which range from one-half foot below the mean low on the Gulf gage to 18 ft above it.

At times the gates will have to be operated under a reverse head of as much as 5 ft. This is due to the fact that heavy rains come in the region crossed by the waterway when the Mississippi is at or below mean-low Gulf level. That was one of the chief reasons for using sector gates for the lock, as they can be operated under a reverse head. The other main reason was a considerable saving in cost, as filling and emptying passages in lock walls or floor are not required.

However, high turbulence in the lock chamber, with possible damage to shipping, has been a characteristic of the sector-type gate as compared to a lock with mitre gates and filling passages. In designing the Algiers lock an effort was made to reduce turbulence. This was done by enlarging the area between the face of the gate and the recess wall when the gate is in part-open position and by setting the gate face back from the ends of the frames forming the sides of the gate. As a result, when the gate is being opened, the gate only needs to rotate through a small angle before there is a large opening to permit water to flow into and through the gate recess. This is shown in the drawing on the preceding page.

At the supporting end of the gate, the pintle is set some distance out from the recess wall. That permits water to pass into the lock chamber without impinging on the gate frame.

The shape of the gate is such as will reduce the opening torque as far as possible.

According to the present construction schedule, the canal will be opened to navigation in 1955.

The project was designed and is being constructed by the New Orleans District of the Corps of Engineers under Colonel Charles T. Tench, district engineer. The work is under the supervision of Fernando Estopinal, field assistant in charge of the Pointe-a-la-Hache territory of the New Orleans district.

Fabrication and installation of sector gates were under contract with Consolidated Western Steel Corporation, Houston, Tex. Excavation of navigation canal was under contract with Jones & Buchanan, Baton Rouge, La.

IMPROVED VIEW of their handsome state capitol is now available to residents of St. Paul, Minn.

Improvements ok'd

St. Paul launches decade of public construction

The "new look" about St. Paul, Minn., will go far beyond the "face-lifting" of the approach to the State Capitol grounds.

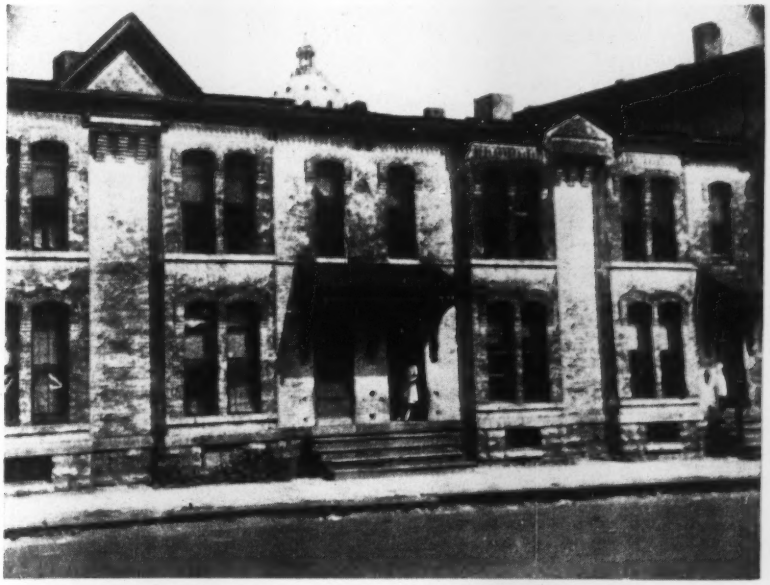
Voters on Nov. 3 overwhelmingly endorsed the adoption of a $39-million bond issue (ENR Nov. 12, p. 21) that was hailed by officials as the opening gun for the "greatest decade of the city's history."

The public improvements program was recommended by the city's second United Improvement Council in a report to Mayor John E. Daubney.

The capital improvements will include public works, schools, public safety, parks and playgrounds, public utilities, libraries, a municipal auditorium, civic education center and a civic athletic and recreation center.

The preliminary step toward a new St. Paul was taken in 1945 with the extensive program of slum clearance and landscaping that wound up early this year with a newly refurbished 75-acre approach to the capitol building touted by state and municipal officials as second to none in the country for beauty.

• **Sound financial planning**—The city, whose borrowing limit is established by



MORE TO BE DONE—More dilapidated structures like this one will fall to wreckers under next phase of improvement program.

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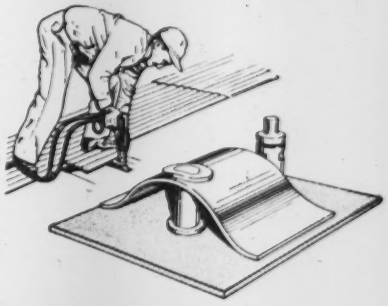

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law at 10% of the value of real and personal property, has not approached its limit in over 20 years. (The limit has risen steadily from $24 million in 1932 to more than $50 million in 1953, and the net bonded indebtedness has been reduced over the same period from $24 million to approximately $10 million.)

• **And its result**—The new bond issue, slated primarily for construction expenditures, will raise the debt close to the limit once more, but here's what the city will receive for it over a period of eight years:

• Public works—Construction, repair and maintenance of streets, bridges, truck routes and flood control, $12,400,000; sewer construction and rehabilitation, $8,116,000; garbage collection and disposal facilities, $125,000.

• Schools—New construction, rehabilitation, site acquisitions, $11,000,000

• Public safety—Fire and police department structures and equipment, $500,000; St. Paul's share for land and building of a health center, $200,000.

• Parks and playgrounds—$1,500,000.

• Public utilities—New installation and rehabilitation of street lighting, $750,000.

• Auditorium—Repairs and alterations, $350,000.

• Libraries—Construction and equipment, $315,000.

• Civic education center—Construction of center and alterations to a connecting auditorium, $1,700,000.

• Civil athletic and recreation center—Land and structure, $2,000,000.

Attorney Pierce Butler, Jr., chairman of the improvement council, said that on the basis of the city's valuation, the bond program, properly integrated with the city's debt retirement program, should result in a tax-rate increase of not more than 3.05 mills over present debt-charge levies, that figure will not be reached until 1971.

"Actually, if new building continues to increase as it has in recent years, or near that rate," Butler said, "it may well result in no increase in the tax rate.

"We don't say that it is possible to get something for nothing. Rather, to illustrate our meaning, we call attention to a combined school bond proposal and charter amendment submitted to the people of St. Paul in 1950. It was calculated that on the basis of then existing valuations the tax increase would not exceed six mills. The 1950 tax rate was 119.20 mills. Today the tax rate is 118 mills. It is actually less than in 1950."

The first United Improvement Council, which met after mayoral appointment in 1928, submitted the only previous program of any great scope. That program also passed by a large majority in a public vote.

Aluminum posts reduce costs

Residents of sections of New York City will soon notice a change in traffic signal posts. The new model, made of aluminum, will be used on new installations, for modernization of old installations and for maintenance replacements of the old style posts.

The old type posts were not readily adaptable for mounting modern adjustable models of traffic signals. They were made of 42 different parts, assembled before erection, and held together with two sets of steel rods subject to severe rusting. The cast iron model weighed 232 lb compared with the 60-lb weight of the new one.

The aluminum post, a one piece unit, requires no assembly. One man can handle it easily for installation.

Commissioner T. T. Wiley, of the city's Traffic Department estimates that the new posts, purchased at only 66% of the old post price, will save the city $45,000 per year.

City power dams cleared by second court decision

The city of Tacoma, Wash., has a valid license to construct two hydroelectric dams on the Cowlitz River, the Washington State Supreme Court ruled recently, giving the city its second legal victory in ten days. The state high court set aside a state law.

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals previously had ruled (ENR Nov. 5, p. 17) that it could not prevent construction of the $146-million project after its approval by the Federal Power Commission.

A 1949 law that set the river aside as a fish sanctuary is invalid, because federal laws giving the FPC jurisdiction over the stream supersede state laws, the supreme court declared in a majority opinion signed by six judges. Three judges of the body, in a minority opinion, upheld constitutionality of the sanctuary law, describing the city as a creature of the state and thus subject to prohibitions by the state legislature.

• **Point in doubt**—The court left one point undecided—determination of the validity of a bond issue the city has proposed for financing the project. This point must be determined by the

Thurston County Superior Court, where Judge Richard Wright earlier ruled against the city in its test case against the State Fisheries Department and taxpayers representing the fishing interests.

Sportsmen's groups and the state departments of fisheries and game contend that the dams would destroy the last good salmon spawning area in the state.

"It is the FPC rather than the fisheries and game directors of this state who have the right to protect fish on behalf of the people of the state and nation," said the majority in their opinion.

The project calls for two dams at Mayfield and Mossyrock, 185 ft. and 325 ft. high, respectively, to generate an estimated 345,000 kw.

J. Frank Ward, superintendent of Tacoma City Light Co., expressed himself as "very much heartened" by the latest court decision, but Gerritt Van derEnde, chairman of the recently-created Tacoma Public Utilities Board, said that in view of increased costs the entire project would have to be re-examined.

Park-O-Mat claims success after 22 months in operation

From Washington, D. C., comes a report on the success of the Park-O-Mat Parking garage—claimed to be the only completely automatic unit for that purpose in the world.

Leon F. Lamb, vice-president of Parking Services, Inc., which operates the 18-story Park-O-Mat, has tendered a report covering the 22 months of its operation, and cites some figures to illustrate its progress.

So far this year, the push-button garage has averaged about 200 cars per day—last year the average was 135 cars.

• **Gross income** for this fiscal year will approximate $43,000, and with only one attendant the major overhead is depreciation and taxes. Cost of the building and land was approximately $300,000 when acquired in 1951.

The building is only 25 ft wide and 63 ft deep, but it rises to a height of 130 ft and contains two underground levels. Two high-speed, doorless elevators carry the autos—minus drivers—to the desired floor and park them automatically. It is claimed that the average time of parking or delivery is 50 seconds, but a car on the second floor can be delivered in as short a time as 28 seconds.

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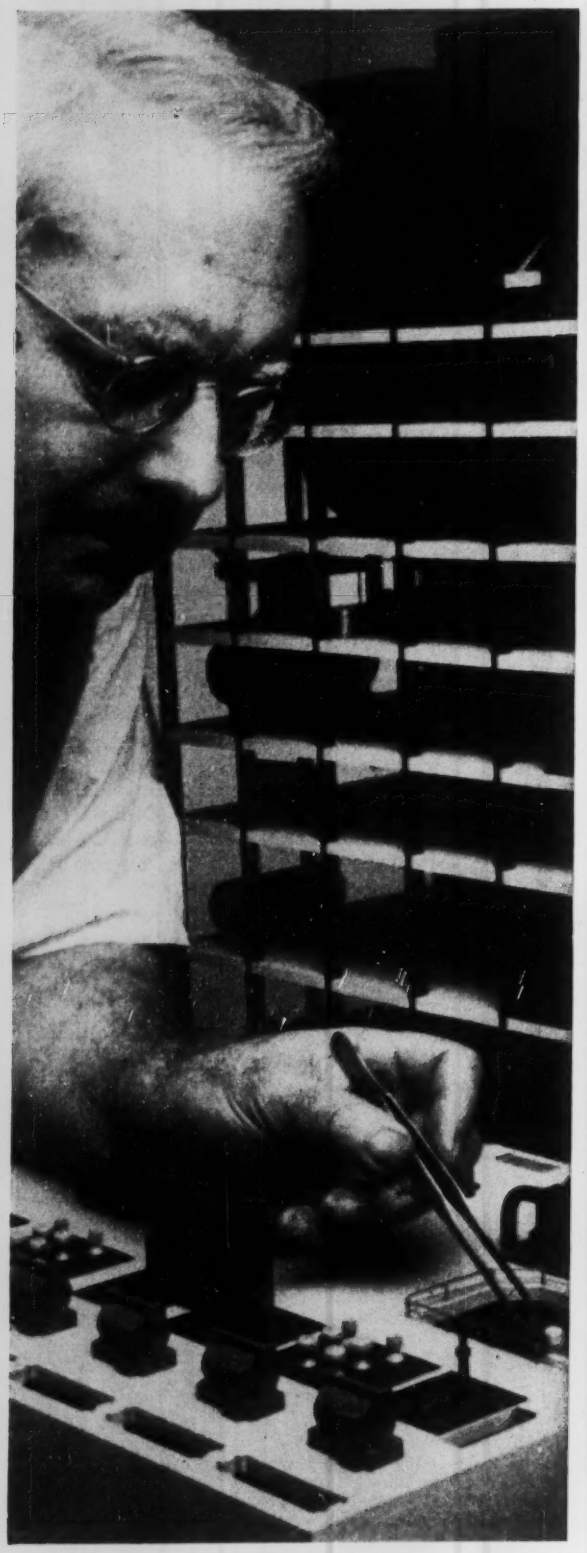

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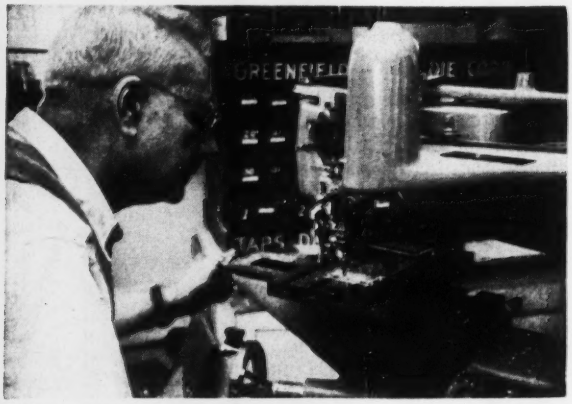

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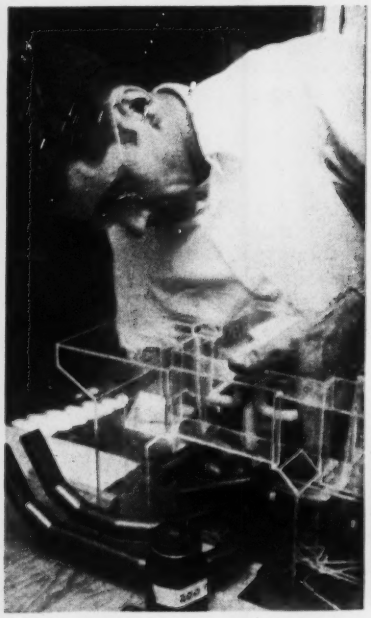

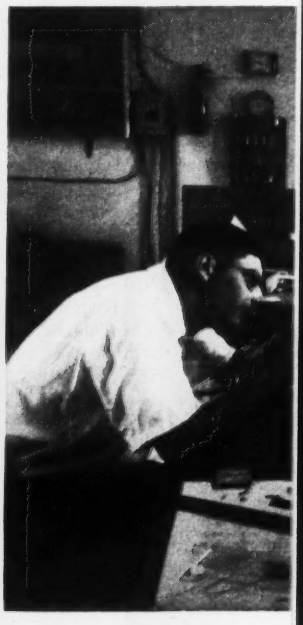

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Henry Soper: His small-scale models solve big problems for power plants

checked and rechecked . . .

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by Henry Soper and Sons.

Opposite his Woodbury, Conn., colonial home, in a 40 x 26 ft. two-story frame shop, Henry F. Soper is busy building power plants. Property owners, municipal officials, contractors raise no outcry. For the plants are are plastic "preproductions"—small-scale models used by utility companies and engineers to see how their plans shape up.

Since accuracy to the thousandth of an inch is demanded, model building is done almost entirely by machine. Soper's plant is equipped with precision tools for drilling, turning and routing. Jigs make it possible to fashion hundreds of duplicate parts.

It's such equipment that permitted the representation of 20,000 windows for one of Soper's assignments—an exact model of a steam power station in India's Damodar Valley. The model, 11½ in. long, was made for presentation to Prime Minister Nehru.

When Soper started the model-building business (Woodcote Associates)—back in 1946—a chicken coop next to his house served as a shop. It was only a part time operation. Soper, an engineer, was still active in business as an industrial executive.

Then Soper began to think about the future of his two sons—both engineers. Taxes would shrink an estate but if the boys were established in business they would be left with a steady source of income. Soper concentrated attention on the skills of his sons, built the firm around them, added his own executive and engineering knowledge.

• **The fledgling firm**—Early orders were comparatively simple. One of the first assignments of the fledgling firm came from a national magazine devoted to home planning and construction. It had developed a series of five house plans and wanted to illustrate them in an article. But at the time housing materials were scarce; if obtainable, they were expensive. The editors wanted to be certain that the plans were workable. Scale models could provide the answer.

So Soper and his sons built the house models, complete with furnishings and removable roofs. The models proved that the plans were correct. Photographs were taken to show how the houses would appear when built.

Next came an order for a church. This wood model, only 14 x 10 in., was illuminated to display celluloid stained glass windows handpainted in color and complete in detail down to the last angel.

All of the first models were constructed of wood. But when the firm switched its emphasis from houses and churches to power plants, a more versatile material was needed. The answer: acrylic plastic.

Orders became more complicated; new methods of model construction had to be found. Soper's engineering training, his business experience (head of a plastics firm, paint manufacturing company, machine tool concern), provided the background to develop special construction and paint application processes.

Today Woodcote Associates generally works on one to three major models at a time. The basic price is $5 an hour for each working man—plus materials and shipping costs. When the client is in a great rush additional help is hired. It is not easy for Soper to find assistants with the kind of skill he requires. Amateur model-makers who want to get into the profession rarely have the engineering background. And commercial model-makers have difficulty adjusting to Soper's methods and meeting the precise accuracy that is the all-important standard of his work.

• **Power plant program**—A complete model program for a steam generating plant calls for construction of three preproductions.

The first is a white block model, made from rough sketches agreed upon by the client and its engineering consultants. It is painted matte white so that changes can be marked with a pencil and seen by all involved in the conference of engineer and utility representatives. Since air freight is used for transport, this model rarely is more than 24 in. long and is scaled to $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{8}$ ins. to the foot.

The second model, prepared from general arrangement drawings, is painted full color and shows windows, doors, platforms and stairs. It usually has a base of 3 x 4 ft., a scale of $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{8}$; but sometimes it runs as small as 1/80 or as large as $\frac{1}{4}$ in. to the foot.

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The prime purpose of most commercial building models is to give a visual impression of the completed structure. But Soper's models have to play a more functional role. For example, a power plant builder wants to know if large-scale and complicated piping will fit the way it is designed. And—because of the various space-saving devices used in engineering drawing—blueprints often cover up a number of design errors.

• **A bird's eye view**—When Soper gets a stack of blueprints his first job is to translate them into his own set of working drawings. These—made on an outsized graph paper—are drawn to the model scale. As soon as all elements of the structure are drawn in, design errors start to crop up. When Soper discovers an error—such as one pipe passing through another—he contacts the builder and the section is redesigned.

After working drawings are completed, parts are made and fitted together. Again, errors in the original design occasionally will show up changes that have to be made.

When everything fits according to specifications, parts are painted and final assembly of the plant is made. As soon as the builder receives this final model he can spot any changes he wants to make in the completed plant—changes that could not be visualized from even the most careful study of blueprints. The important thing is that these discoveries are made before construction starts.

The model serves still another purpose. It goes along with the revised blueprints, giving the construction superintendent an exact three-dimensional plan of the structure.

Models shuttle between the Woodbury shop and the client anywhere from three to six times. But this trip tally didn't hold on one job: 150 changes were made.

Today, many motorists traveling along the winding road in front of the model shop pass by without noticing the six-inch-wide business sign on the building. This is Soper's idea. Born in Scotland, he guards time as closely as the Scotsman's caricature guards a penny. Sightseers create interruptions, and these create delay. And delay adds expense for a model that, under any circumstances, may eventually carry a $15,000 tag.

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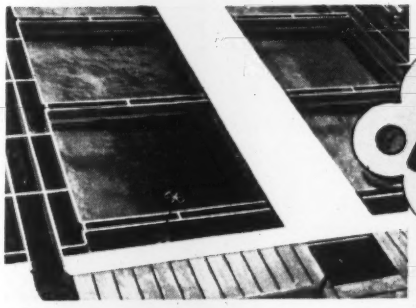

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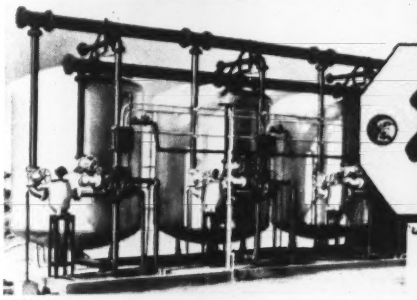

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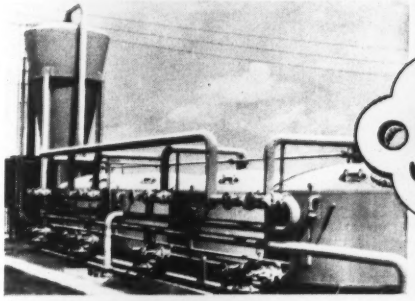

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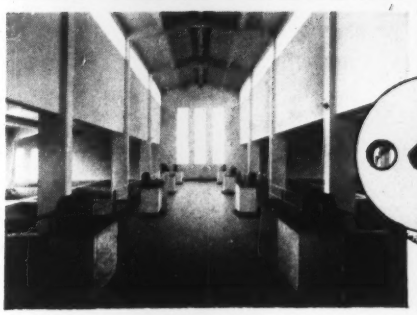

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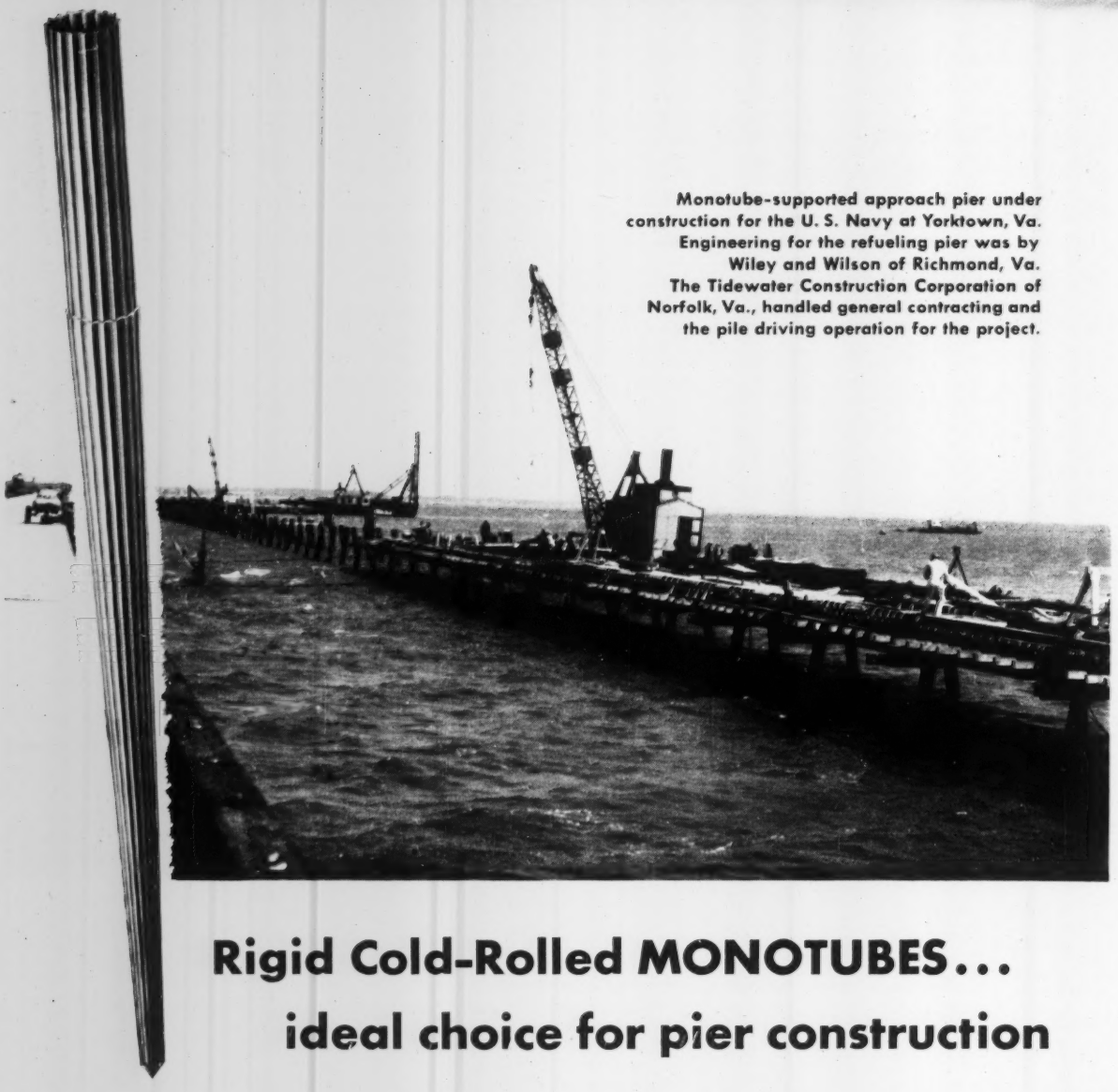

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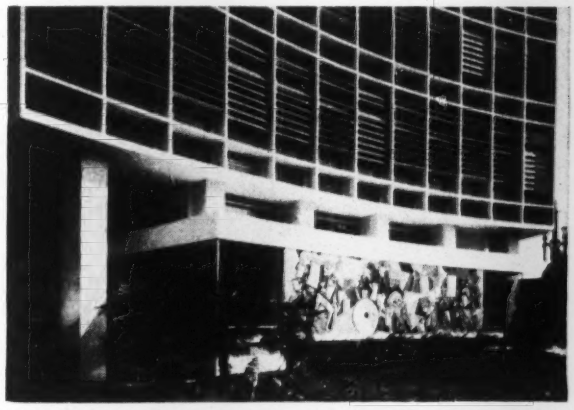

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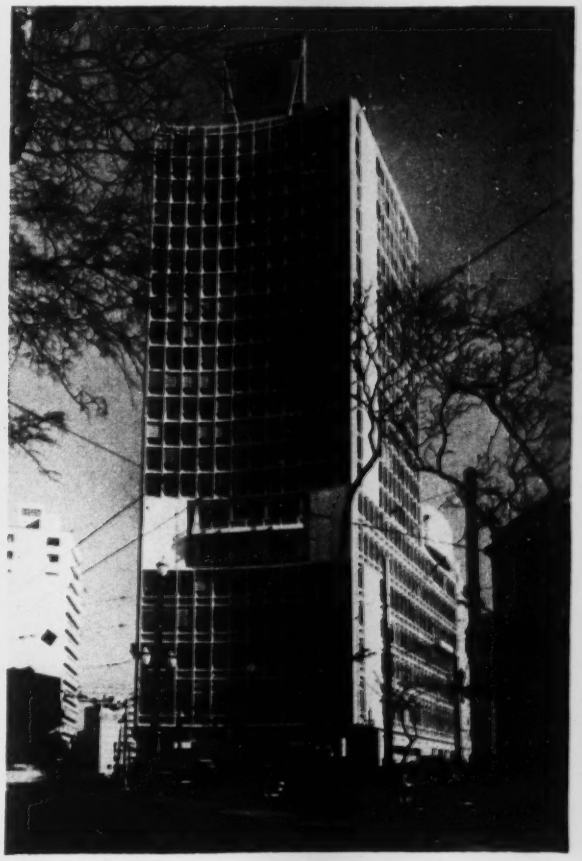
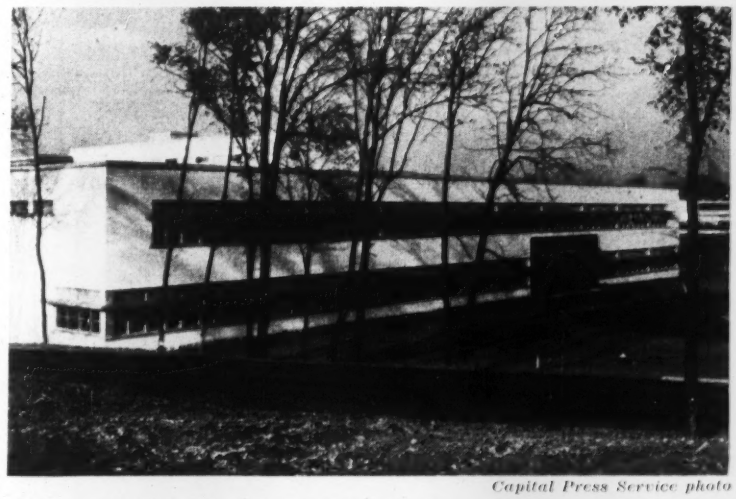


Reinforced concrete building houses newspaper and hotel

Recently completed in Sao Paulo, Brazil, this striking 26-story reinforced concrete building houses one of Brazil's biggest newspapers, "O Estado de S. Paulo", on its first seven floors, and a hotel occupies the space from the eighth floor up. Foundation work for the $3.7-million building started late in 1947, and the first concrete was poured in January, 1948. The original plan called for offices to occupy the upper stories of the structure, but a later switch to the hotel plan—calling for extensive structural and mechanical changes—delayed completion of the building until this year.

Architect was Jacques Pilon of Sao Paulo.



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RESEARCH CENTER, which may be the first structure in the world designed specifically for research on buildings, was dedicated recently in Ottawa, Ont., at the convocation of the Canadian National Research Council. Erected to serve Canada's construction industry in the many problems in this field, the building was designed by J. C. Meadowcroft, Montreal, with Keith & Associates as consulting engineers. Robertson Construction & Engineering Co., Niagara Falls, Ont., were the general contractors.

International briefs . . .

• **Greek hydro bids asked**—Greece has asked proposals for the financing, engineering, design, and construction of the $15.5-million Megdova River hydroelectric project (ENR May 14, p. 90). Preliminary surveys for the project, were made by Knappen-Tippetts-Abbett-McCarthy, New York. The project will include irrigation canals, land leveling, drainage pumping stations, storage wells, and a power transmission line.

• **Bosporus span**—The Turkish government has announced that contracts totaling $68-million are to be signed with the Krupp engineering works, Essen, Germany, for the construction of a suspension span across the Bosporus at Istanbul (ENR August 27, 1953 p. 58). The bridge will be 4,920 ft long with a central span second in size only to the 4,200-ft span of the Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco. The Turkish government has asked the nation's private banks to supply over half of the total cost.

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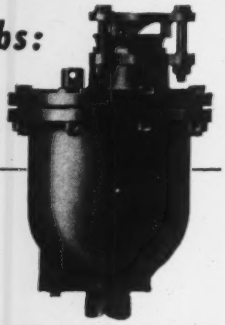

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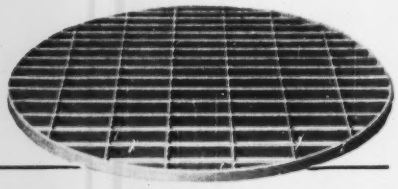

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OBITUARIES

Edward D. Lumsden, 82, retired civil engineer who helped plan the first subway tube under the East River in N. Y. City, and the seawall at Galveston, Tex., died at Tulsa, Okla., Oct. 29. He was a graduate of the University of Georgia. He spent four years on railroad building work in Chile. He had been city engineer of Sherman, Tex., and assistant city engineer of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Foster J. Beach, associate civil engineer with the N. Y. State Department of Public Works, died at Oxford, N. Y. on Oct. 28. He began his engineering career on N. Y. State Barge Canal work and at one time was in charge of state public works in Chenungo County.

Professor Emeritus Lewis M. Gram, 76, chairman of the University of Michigan's civil engineering department until 1946, died Nov. 9 in Ann Arbor, Mich. He retired in 1946 after 33 years service. He was director of plant expansion at the university from 1930 until his retirement. During that time, he directed the planning of $20-million worth of university buildings. He also served as consultant on construction of the Belle Isle Bridge and three bridges spanning the River Rouge in Detroit.

Harold S. Woodworth, 64, prominent contractor of the Pacific Northwest, died Nov. 1 at Tacoma, Wash. Born in Michigan, he moved to Tacoma as a boy and, as a young man, organized Woodworth & Co., heavy construction firm.

William B. Haite, 68, former superintendent of public building construction for District 8 of the New York State Department of Public Works, died Nov. 5 in Amenia, N. Y. He had served the state 35 years before retirement in 1951.

Ernest L. Merrill, 69, retired chief highway engineer of the Maine highway commission, died at Augusta Oct. 29. He was with the commission for 37 years, and became chief engineer in 1940. He retired several months ago.

Hugh Leo P. Stewart, 60, engineer at the Bureau of Reclamation headquarters in Denver for 14 years, died Nov. 3 in Denver. He received a civil engineering degree from Stanford University and managed steel plants in Ohio before going to Denver in 1934. He left government service in 1948.

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NEW ENGLAND

BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

Mass., Kingston—SCHOOL—B.A. 12/10—Office Supt. Schools, Kingston Elementary School, Kingston, brick veneer Silver Lake Regional High School, vicinity of here, for towns of Kingston, Pembroke, Halifax and Plympton Regional School, Comr. J. Farmer, chn., West Elm St., Pembroke, Mass. $900,000. Plans deposit $50. Walter M. Gaffney, 43 Potter St., Hyannis, archt. CD 2/25, under Mass., Halifax.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲† Lane Constr. Corp., 965 E. Main St., Meriden, Conn. CA $8,837,652, est. $5,000,000. runways, taxiways, aircraft fueling sys., Westover Air Force Base, ENG.-19-016-54-22, CHICOPEE FALLS, MASS. U. S. Eng., 857 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass. CD 9/22, under LB.

BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ Eagle Constr. Co., 60 Park Place, Newark, N. J. CA Est. $2,000,000. 202 HOUSING units adjacent to Fort Devens, AYER, MASS. Fort Devens Manor, Inc., Milton Zerman, pres., 60 Park Place, Newark, N. J.

▲ M. S. Kelliher Co., 294 Washington St., Boston, Mass. LB Est. $1,250,000. Fontbonne ACADEMY, MILTON, MASS. Congregation of Sisters of St. Joseph, Rev. Mother Euphrasia, mother superior, 303 Adams St., Milton, Mass. CD 10/22.

M. Slotnick Corp., 333 Washington St., Boston, Mass. CA Est. $600,000. HOSPITAL addn., alterations, 45 Townsend St., PROJ. NO Mass 28C-J-0, ROXBURY, MASS. Jewish Memorial Hospital, 45 Townsend St., Roxbury, Mass. Bids Oct. 9. CD 9/22.

Joseph P. Flynn, 26 Custom House St., Providence, R. I. LB $332,900. est. $325,000. Public Works GARAGE and repair SHOP, Terminal Rd.; LB $316,950, est. $300,000 municipal GARAGE, Ernest St., PROVIDENCE, R. I. City, City Hall, Providence, R. I. Bids Nov. 9. CD 11/5 and 10/20.

MIDDLE ATLANTIC

BIDS ASKED—HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

N. J., Port Newark—SPRINKLER SYSTEM SUPPLY MAINS—B.A. 12/3—The Port of New York Auth., 111-85th Ave. New York 11, N. Y., relocation sprinkler system supply mains, in Building 105, Contract O&M 206, proposal No. 287. CD 4/9/52, under Public Buildings.

New York—DUCT LINES—B.A. 12/4—New York City Transit Auth., 370 Jay St., Broadway, Zone 1, duct lines between 159th Ave. (Howard Beach) and Liberty Ave., Queens Boro. CD 8/31/45.

Pa., Phila.—B.A. 12/7—Dpt. Procurement, City Hall Annex, Bid No. 2073 (Constr. SD-120-SE) general constr., furnishing and installing mech. equip. and piping for a blower and primary sludge pumping bldg., 1 story bsmt. 51x60 ft. wide bldg., rein.-con. substructure, steel framing with brick walls superstructure, mech. equip. incl. two 1,500 CFM positive displacement blowers; two 250 GPM sludge pumps; two 500 GPM sludge pumps, four screw pumps, six discharge, 2 plunger pumps and appurtenant work; Bid No. 2074 (Constr. SD-121-SE) plumbing; Bid No. 2075 (Constr. SD-122-SE) heating installation for the bldg., Bid No. 2076 (Constr. SD-123-SE) furnishing, installing electrical equip. and appurtenant work. Plans deposit $25. A. Albert Cherashore, Procurement Comr. CD 3/11/46.

N. Y., Jackson Heights—PUMP HOUSES—B.A. 12/8—At office Chief Engr. of The Port of New York Auth., 111 Eighth Ave., New York, Zone 11, two storm water pumping stations, LaGuardia Airport, constr. LGA 160.-003. Plans deposit $25.

BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

▲ N. Y., New York—HOUSING—B.A. 12/1—New York City Housing Auth., 63 Park Row, Zone 38, foundations and general constr., heating and ventilating, electric work, plumbing, furnishing, installing elevators for LaGuardia Houses, Proj. No. NY 5-21, Sect. I, incl. bldgs. 4, 5, 7 and 9 in areas in Manhattan Boro, in block bounded by Montgomery, Monroe, Clinton and Madison Sts., Bldg. 5 in easterly half of block bounded by Madison, Clinton, Monroe and Jefferson Sts. and Bldg. 4 in easterly half of block bounded by Monroe, Clinton, Cherry and Jefferson Sts., Plans deposit $75. $25 elevators. Extended date. CD 10/26.

N. Y., Brooklyn—LIBRARY—B.A. 12/2—Dpt. P. Wks., Municipal Bldg., New York, Zone 7, general constr., plumbing, heating and ventilating, electrical work and lighting fixtures for constr. of New Utrecht Branch Library, 1743 86th St., Brooklyn Boro. Plans deposit $25. CD 6/13/51.

N. Y., New York—SCHOOL etc.—B.A. 12/9—Dir. Bureau Constr., 49 Flatbush Ave. exten., Brooklyn, Zone 1, general constr. new addn. to and modernization of existing P.S. 15, 4th St. between Avenues C and D. Plans deposit $20.

N. Y., New York—SCHOOL, etc.—B.A. 12/10—Dir. Bureau Constr., 49 Flatbush Ave. exten., Brooklyn, Zone 1, general constr. of new addns. to and modernization of existing P. S. 74, E. 189 S. between Crotona and Prospect Aves., Bronx Boro. Plans deposit $28.

N. Y., New York—HIGH SCHOOL—B.A. 12/11—Dir. Bureau Constr., 49 Flatbush Ave. exten., Brooklyn, Zone 1, general constr. new Junior High School 104, E. 21 St. between 1st and 2nd Aves., Manhattan Boro, E-221. Plans deposit $35.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ NEW JERSEY and PENNSYLVANIA—Delaware River Port Auth., Administration Bldg., Bridge Plaza, Camden, N. J.

American Bridge Div., U. S. Steel Corp., 525 William Penn Pl., Pittsburgh, Pa., LB, $4,768,293. Contract No. 5, cables and suspenders, ropes for suspension bridge over Delaware River connecting Packer Ave., Phila., Pa., and Gloucester City, N. J. Bids Nov. 12. CD 10/19.

Hale Electric Co., Inc., 1105 Washington Blvd., Pittsburgh 6, Pa., LB $363,182, est. $180,000, electrical imprvs.;

V. R. Yoder, 116 Spring St., Meadville, Pa., LB $179,889, est. $140,000, steam distr. sys. imprvs., Torrance State Hospital, TORRANCE, PA. General State Auth., 18th and Herr Sts., Harrisburg, Pa. Bids Nov. 12. CD 10/30.

BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

Zwigard Constr. Co., 239 Millburn Ave., Millburn, N. J. CA $326,391, elementary SCHOOL, LIVINGSTON, N. J. Bd. Educ., 184 S. Livingston Ave., Livingston, N. J. Bids Oct. 6. CD 9/25.

SOUTH

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

VIRGINIA—State Hy. Dpt., 1221 E. Broad St., Richmond,

Codell Constr. Co., Winchester, Ky., LB $729,290, grading, drainage 3.58 mi. and 100 ft. bridge, Rte. 60, Clifton Forge, Proj. 2103-07-08, Allegheny Co. Bids Nov. 5. CD 10/23.

† Ames & Webb, Inc., P.O. Box 4001, Broad Creek Village Station, Norfolk, Va., LB $647,212, addnl. paving, approx. 61,330 sq. yd. 11 in. concrete parking aprons and taxiways, etc., Naval Air Station, NOY 75701, NORFOLK, VA. P. Wks. Office, Fifth Naval Dist., U. S. Naval Base, Norfolk, Va. Bids Nov. 10. CD 10/26.

▲ WEST VIRGINIA—W. Va. Turnpike Comn., 1340 Wilson St., Charleston,

Wright Contg. Co., 504 25 Ave., Columbus, Ga., LB, $1,145,240, wood posts; $1,239,940, steel posts, Contract 39, furnishing, installing 350,000 lin. ft. 10 ga. corrugated steel guard rail on wood or steel posts between Princeton Mile 0 and Charleston Mile 88 Mercer, Raleigh, Fayette and Kanawha Counties. Bids Oct. 27. CD 10/5.

BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

Mottley Constr. Co., Farmville, Va., CA $976,355. Long Street and Cherry Ave. Elementary SCHOOLS, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA. City School Bd., City Hall, Charlottesville, Va. Bids Nov. 4. CD 11/10, under LB.

Mottley Constr. Co., Farmville, Va. CA $559,875. Consolidated HIGH SCHOOL, near LOVINGSTON, VA. Nelson Co. School Bd., Lovingston, Va. Dixon & Norman, 1103 E. Main St., Richmond, Va., archts. Bids Nov. 4. CD 11/10, under LB.

MIDDLE WEST

BIDS ASKED—HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

Tex., Vernon—B.A. 12/10—City, sewage treatment plant. $100,000. Plans deposit $25. Joe E. Ward, Oil & Gas Bldg., Wichita Falls, engr. CD 4/15.

Mich., Detroit—B.A. 12/15—Bd. Water Comrs., Water Bd. Bldg., 735 Randolph St., Contr. No. NE-7, chemical bldg. and misc. structures, Northeast Station for Dpt. Water Supply. Plans deposit $50. L. G. Lenhardt, supt., genl. mgr. and ch. engr. CD 11/11/48.

BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

† Ill., Kewanee—STORAGE, etc.—B.A. 12/8—Dpts. Army & Air Force, National Guard Bureau, office of U. S. Property & Disbursing Officer, State of Illinois, Illinois Natl. Guard General Depot, P. O. Box 549, Springfield, Vehicle Storage and Warehouse Bldg. with Service Center "B" NG-11-115-54-3. Plans deposit $15.

† Ill., Macomb—STORAGE and WAREHOUSE—B.A. 12/8—Dpts. Army & Air Force, National Guard Bureau, Office of U. S. Property & Disbursing Officer, State of Illinois, Illinois National Guard General Depot, P. O. Box 549, Springfield, Vehicle Storage and Warehouse with Service Center "B" NG-11-115-54-1. Plans deposit $15.

† Ill., Paris—STORAGE, etc.—B.A. 12/8—Dpts. Army & Air Force, National Guard Bureau, office of U. S. Property & Disbursing Officer, State of Illinois, Illinois National Guard General Depot, P. O. Box 549, Springfield, Vehicle Storage and Warehouse Bldg. with Service Center "B", NG-11-115-54-2. Plans deposit $15.

WEST OF MISSISSIPPI

BIDS ASKED—HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

▲† Mont., Great Falls—HOSPITAL, etc.—B.A. 12/18—U.S. Eng., 4735 E. Marginal Way, Seattle 4, Wash., 1 story, 52,200 sq. ft. masonry hospital, 1 story, 4,000 sq. ft. frame dental clinic Great Falls Air Force Base, Inv. 54-80. $1,500,000. Plans deposit $40 for hospital, $10 for clinic. CD 11/21.

BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

† Tex., Fort Hood—HEADQUARTERS—B.A. 12/10—U.S. Eng., 100 W. Vickery St., Fort Worth, 4 battalion headquarter bldgs., 8 barracks bldgs. addns. CD 9/15/52.

† Mo., Independence—ADDITIONAL FACILITIES—B.A. 12/15—U.S. Eng., 601 Davidson Bldg., Kansas City 8, Mo., Part IV addnl. facilities, 41 bldgs., steam and cond. lines, elec. distr. and storage lighting sys., disposal sys., pond, hy. bridge, Lake City Arsenal, ENG-23-028-54-13. Plans deposit $100. CD 5/29/52.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ MISSOURI—State Hy. Comn., Jefferson City,

Land Constr. Co., 502 Seneca St., St. Joseph, Mo. CA $105,667. b. conc. 4.681 mi., Nodaway Co.;

J. A. Tobin Constr. Co., 3700 Rainbow St., Kansas City, Mo. CA $514,069 24 ft. c. conc. 4.369 mi. Clay Co.; CA $457,884, 24 ft. c. conc. 3.737 mi. Clay Co. Grand total $1,077,620. Bids Oct. 30, awarded Nov. 10. CD 11/6, under LB.

Reising Constr. Co., Mission, Tex., CA $245,000, earthen reservoir unit for irrigation usage;

Purchases, Day Labor, Sub-Contracts, $200,000, one pumping plant unit for irrigation proj., MISSION, TEX., Water Dist. 16, Mission, Tex. CD 8/10/51.

PROJECTS COVERED

Projects—By Size

Construction projects here reported cover the United States and Canada, are of these minimum sizes or larger: water supply, earthwork, waterways $34,000; other public works $60,000; industrial buildings $82,000; other buildings $300,000.

Classes of Construction

(Name in order of Listing)

Water Supply	Latin America
Sewers, Waste Disposal	Public Buildings
Bridges	Commercial Buildings
Streets & Roads	Industrial Buildings
Earthwork, Waterways	Unclassified

Stages Reported

PROPOSED WORK: Including appointment of engineers or architects.

BIDS ASKED (new announcements only). For full calendar, see also preceding issues of ENR.

LOW BIDDERS: On jobs below $500,000 value all low bidder news will be the final reports published on the projects invloved except where award is not made to the low bidder. In this case, a supplementary contract award report will be published.

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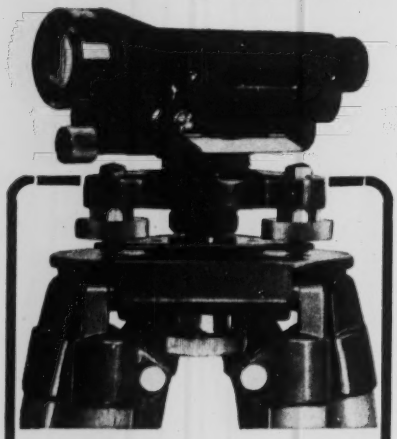

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LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ Jas. H. Stewart Co., Inc., 230 Park Ave., New York, N. Y. CA Est. $1,000,000. general contract distr. PLANT on 8.2 acre tract, U.S. 71 and Bellefontaine, KANSAS CITY, MO. Avon Products Inc., 16 and Walnut Sts., Kansas City, Mo. Geo. L. Dahl, 2101 N. St. Paul St., Dallas, Tex., archt. CD 11/2.

▲ Builders Constr. Co., Kerr-McGee Bldg., Oklahoma City 2, Okla., CA $2,887,394, est. $2,000,000. Classen HIGH SCHOOL, 27 and May Sts., OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. Bd. Educ., 400 N. Walnut St., Oklahoma City, Okla. Bids Oct. 6, awarded Nov. 10. CD 10/9, under LB.

Bill Nierth, Contractor, 4601 Oakdale Dr., Houston, Tex. Owner Builds. $315,000. 7 masonry DWELLINGS, air-conditioning; $300,000, eight 1 and 2 story masonry dwellings, HOUSTON, TEX. CD 11/6.

Thad A. Simmons, 406 Christine St., Houston, Tex. Owner Builds. $390,000. 45 DWELLINGS near HOUSTON, TEX. CD 11/6.

King Constr. Co., 311 Texarkana Natl. Bank Bldg., Texarkana, Tex., CA $937,068, est. $937,500, 125 low-cost HOUSING units, TEXARKANA, TEX. Texarkana Housing Auth., Texarkana, Tex. Bids Nov. 4. CD 10/13.

FAR WEST

BIDS ASKED—HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

† Wash., Richland—PUREX FACILITY—B.A. 12/2—Atomic Energy Comn., Richland, purex facility at Hanford Works with waste disposal facilities incl. underground tanks and pipe lines, Inv. AT (45-1)-821. CD 6/30/52.

Wash., Pasco—B.A. 12/10—City, City Hall, 5 m.g. concrete water reservoir and 4 mi. 16- to 36-in. mains. $400,000. Plans deposit $25, Cornell, Howland, Hayes & Merryfield, 1600 Western Ave., Corvallis, Ore., engrs. CD 7/15.

† Wash., Fort Lewis—B.A. 12/15—U. S. Eng., 4735 E. Marginal Way, Seattle, Zone 4, b. conc. surf., drainage 23,000 lin. ft. road extens., Inv. 54-81. CD 11/12.

† Wash., Everett—WAREHOUSE—B.A. 12/16—U. S. Eng., 4735 E. Marginal Way, Seattle, Zone 4, 80x240 ft. frame A. C. troop-Supply warehouse at Paine Air Force Base, ENG-45-108-54-83. CD 2/3.

† Idaho—B.A. 12/22—Bureau Reclamation, Dpt. Interior, Bldg. 53, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colo., furnishing two 20x50 ft. radial gates for Palisades Dam, Palisades Proj., Spec. DS-4078. W. A. Dexheimer, adv. ENR 11/26. CD 9/12/44.

BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

† Wash., Fort Lewis—WAREHOUSE—B.A. 12/3—U. S. Eng., 4735 E. Marginal Way, Seattle, Zone 4, install dehumidification equip. at general supply warehouse, Mount Rainier Ordnance Depot, Inv. 54-82. CD 11/12.

† Wash., Richland—PLANT—B.A. 12/17—Atomic Energy Comn., Richland, 160x180 ft., steel frame development-work pilot plant at Hanford Works. CD 6/30/52.

▲ Wash., Olympia—OFFICE—B.A. 12/22—State Capitol com., Olympia, 5 story, rein.-con. office bldg. $4,000,000. Plans deposit $100. A. G. Lumm, 321 S. 11 St. Tacoma, archt. CD 7/5/51.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

Echeumann & Johnson, Lloyd Bldg., Seattle 1, Wash. CA $219,700. GRAIN ELEVATOR at Pier 25, SEATTLE, WASH. Port of Seattle Comn., Bell St. Terminal, Seattle 1, Wash. CD 10/13.

▲ Arundel Corp. & L. E. Dixon, 409 S. California St., San Gabriel, Calif., CA, $3,167,709 La Cienega and San Fernando Valley Relief Sewer, Unit "B" Section 2, LOS ANGELES, CALIF. City, City Hall, Los Angeles, Calif. Bids Oct. 28, awarded Nov. 12. CD 11/5, under LB.

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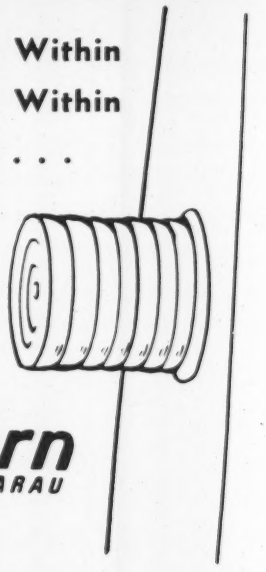

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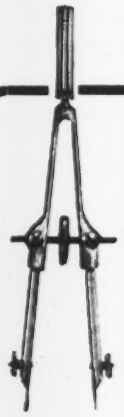

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BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **Preston Constr. Co.**, Smith Tower, Seattle 4, Wash., CA, $2,000,000, 8 WAREHOUSES and TRUCK REPAIR SHOP, totaling 505,000 sq. ft. for distribution center, BELLEVUE, WASH. Safeway Stores, Inc., 1260 4 Ave. S., Seattle, Wash. CD 7/2/52.

CANADA

BIDS ASKED—HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

▲ **Ont., Toronto**—TEACHERS COLLEGE—B.A. 12/3—Dpt. P. Wks., Parliament Bldgs., 2 story, bsmt. ,180x360 ft., steel teacher's college, 100x150 ft. interior court, concrete fdn., Carlaw Ave., $2,000,000. Plans deposit $50. Page & Steele, 72 St. Clair Ave., W., archts., G. N. Williams, c/o owner, deputy minister and ch. archt. CD 9/11.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

SASKATCHEWAN—Province of Saskatchewan, Regina,

Floyd Barber Ltd., 601 Albert St., Regina, Sask., CA $560,000, road construction Moosonin to Manitoba Boundary, Moosonin. CD 8/29/51.

Bennett-Pratt Ltd., 5 Maple Leaf Dr., Weston, Ont., CA, $217,827, 1 and 2 story, bsmt., 130x152 ft., concrete, block, brick training bldg. at R.C.A.F. Station, NORTH BAY, ONT. Defense Constr. Ltd., 40 Eglinton Ave. E., Toronto, Ont. Bids Oct. 14, awarded Nov. 5. CD 9/25.

ALASKA

BIDS ASKED—HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

† **Alaska**—ELECTRIC SYSTEMS—B.A. 12/10—U. S. Eng., Anchorage, electric distr. sys. and navigational-aid bldgs., at various locations, Inv. 54-24.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

† **S. S. Mullen**, 621 9th Ave. N., Seattle, Wash., CA $101,176, dolphins and test piling, Inv. 54-37, WHITTIER, ALASKA. U. S. Eng., Anchorage, Alaska. CD 8/7.

Proposed Projects

WATER SUPPLY

▲ **Mich., Mount Clemens**—City, water sys., expansions to provide service to Clinton and Harrison Twps., inc. addn. to Lake St. Clair filtration plant, $550,000; storage facility, also pipe lines, etc., $400,000. Total est. $1,250,000.

▲ **O., Columbus**—City, City Hall, 36 in. water force main to connect Dublin Rd. to treatment plant with 20 in. main. $1,250,000. CD 6/27/51.

SEWERS, WASTE DISPOSAL

▲ **Calif., San Jose**—City, City Hall, primary sewage treatment plant. $3,000,000.

▲ **Calif., Vallejo**—Vallejo Sanitation & Flood Control District, City Hall, sewage disposal plant and storm sewers. $6,786,000. Brown & Cadwell, 283 Sansmoe St., San Francisco, consult. engrs. CD 5/23/47.

▲ **Mich., Detroit**—City, Carl D. Warner, comr. Dpt. P. Wks., Guardian Bldg., voted bonds Nov. 3, storm relief sewers, incl. Asland Storm Relief Sewer, $10,000,000; sewer and pumping station Deir Sect., $2,000,000; Schoolcraft Sewer, $6,000,000; Livernois exten., $3,000,000, misc., $1,000,000. George R. Thompson, city engr.

▲ **Minn., Golden Valley (Minneapolis P.O.)**—Village, K. W. Rahn, clk., 2200 Glenwood Parkway, lateral sewer connections to joint Crystal-Golden Valley sanitary sewerage system feeding into trunk interceptor being built from Crystal. $1,000,000. G. M. Orr Eng. Co., 1004 Marquette Ave., Minneapolis, consult engr. CD 5/14.

▲ **Minn., St. Paul**—City, City Hall, voted $8,100,000 bonds, sewers.

▲ **O., Ashtabula**—City, voted bonds Nov. 3, sewage disposal plant. $1,500,000. Fred A. Collins, city engr. CD 8/11.

▲ **O., Avon Lake**—Village, voted $1,265,000 bonds Nov. 3, storm sewers, misc. streets. CD 11/13/52.

▲ **Tex., Abilene**—City, City Hall, cancelled bond election of Nov. 24, Phase 1, sanitary sewerage sys. rehabilitation, $225,000; Phase 2, sewer lift stations, $175,000; Phase 3, sewage disposal plant, $200,000; Phase 4, sanitary sewer collection lines, $750,000; Phase 5, storm sewers, $125,000. CD 11/5.

▲ **Va., Richmond**—Henrico Co., 22nd and Main Sts., voted bonds Nov. 3, three sewage treatment plants, sewer and water lines and tanks, Sanitary Dist. A, near here. $3,950,000. R. Stuart Royer & Assocs., 15 W. Cary St., consult. engrs. CD 10/6.

BRIDGES

▲ **O., Euclid**—City, 585 E. 222 St., voted bonds Nov. 3, grade crossing elimination, $1,000,000. Leroy G. Williams, city engr. CD 10/7.

▲ **O., Hamilton**—City, defeated bonds Nov. 3, underpass at South Hamilton R.R. crossing, $1,750,000. CD 7/13.

▲ **Okla., Oklahoma City**—Oklahoma Co., Court House, bond election Dec. 8, three county bridges over North Canadian River. $1,053,000. Hodgins, Thompson & Ball, 1100 W. Main St., consult. engrs. CD 10/24/46.

▲ **Man., Winnipeg**—Municipality, City Hall, ratepayers voted in favor, bridge construction across Assiniboine River at Midtown, $1,100,000. W. D. Hurst, City Hall, city engr. CD 10/5.

STREETS AND ROADS

▲ **MASSACHUSETTS**—Commonwealth of Mass., Dpt. P. Wks., 100 Nashua St., Boston,

Barnstable and Yarmouth—Mid-Cape Hy., westbound lane 4.8 mi. 24 ft. wide with 8 ft. grass shoulders on each side beginning at traffic circle at Iyannough Rd., Barnstable and exten. to point east of Willow Street Yarmouth relocation of Rte. 6, $1,100,000. CD 6/16.

▲ **Minn., St. Paul**—City, City Hall, voted $12,400,000 for streets, bridges and flood control.

EARTHWORK, WATERWAYS

▲ **California**—Pacific Gas & Electric Co., 445 Sutter St., San Francisco, development hydro-electric project on North Fork of Feather River, near Quincy and Oroville, Butte Co. $40,490,000. FPC has granted a 50-yr. license. CD 5/23/52.

▲ **New York**—Power Authority of State of New York, 55 Elk St., Albany, Zone 1, hydro-electric project in International Rapids Sect. St. Lawrence River, between Massena, N. Y. and Cornwall, Ont. $315,000,000. Sanderson & Porter, 52 Williams St., New York, N. Y., and Charles T. Main, 80 Federal St., Boston, Mass., consult. engrs.

▲ **Okla., Oklahoma City**—City, City Hall, bond election Dec. 8, North Canadian River floodway imprvs. $1,812,000. Hodgins, Thompson & Ball, 1100 W. Main St., consult. engrs.

AIRPORTS

▲ **Ind., Indianapolis** — TERMINAL, etc. — Bd. Aviation Comrs., Col. P. H. Roettger, supt., c/o Weir Cook Field, plans by Edward D. James, 222 E. Michigan St., Zone 4, airport imprvs., terminal bldg. $1,400,000; instrument runway, $1,000,000. CD 2/6/48.

▲ **Mo., Kansas City**—OVERHAUL BASE—City, City Hall, overhaul base at new Industrial Airport, main hangar bldg., engine overhaul bldg., 6 test cells, storage bldg., offices, communications and recreation facilities, $15,700,000, Burns & McDonnell Eng. Co., Box 7088, Kansas City, Mo., consult. engr. Ammann & Whitney, 76 9th Ave., New York, N. Y., consult. engrs. Richard M. Huber, 20 W. 9 St., Kansas City, Mo., ch. constr. div. engr. Trans World Airlines, Inc., 20 W. 9 St., Kansas City, Mo., lessee. CD 9/10.

▲ **O., Richmond Heights**—AIRPORT—Cuyahoga Co., Court House, Cleveland, Zone 14, imprv. County Airport, incl. 1,550 ft. taxistrip and 3,600 ft. runway. $2,363,000. A. S. Porter, Standard Bldg., Cleveland, Zone 14, co. engr.

LATIN AMERICA

▲ **Cuba, Havana**—City, plans modernization water supply sys. $14,000,000.

AMERICANS ABROAD

▲ **Egypt, Cairo**—HOTEL—Hilton Hotels International, Inc., 301 Park Ave., New York 22, N. Y., U. S. A., plans by Welton Becket & Assoc., 5657 Wilshire St., Los Angeles, Calif., U. S. A., 400-room air-conditioned 10 story hotel, 6-acre site on Nile River. $6,000,000.

FOREIGN

▲ **Lebanon, Beirut**—BROADCASTING STATION—Govt. of Lebanon, Beirut, plans broadcasting station. $1,250,000. Foreign firms will be invited to bid.

▲ **Syria, Damascus**—HOUSING—Govt. of Syria, Damascus, housing, near Damascus for govt. officials. $1,000,000. Foreign firms will be invited to bid.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

▲ **Calif., Redding**—AUDITORIUM—City, City Hall bond election Dec. 15, civic auditorium. $1,600,000. CD 9/10.

▲ **Ill., Chicago**—HOUSING—Chicago Housing Auth., 608 S. Dearborn St., plans by Friedman, Alschuler & Sincere, 223 W. Jackson Ave., Chicago, Zone 6, 1st phase of total of 7 apartment bldgs., incl. 3 apartment bldgs., Vincennes at 35 St., Ida B. Wells Extension. $1,950,000.

▲ **Ill., Oaklawn**—HIGH SCHOOL—School Dist. 220, 77th and Moody Sts., plans by L. F. Coleman, 6240 Kimbark Ave., Chicago, 2 story brick, steel Reavis High School, 77th and Moody Sts. $2,500,000.

▲ **Ill., Rockford**—SCHOOLS—Bd. Educ., Rockford, voted $4,000,000 bonds Nov. 3 public schools. CD 10/31/49.

▲ **Ia., Muscatine** — SCHOOLS — Bd. Educ., Muscatine, $1,100,000 bond election Dec. 1, school constr. and imprvs.

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▲ † Kan., Fort Riley—HOSPITAL—U. S. Eng., 601 Davidson Bldg., Kansas City 8, Mo., plans by Benedick & Hines, 254 Laura St., Wichita, hospital at Camp Whiteside, $7,000,000, Ediger Eng. Co., 252 Laura St., Wichita, consult. engr. CD 7/2/51.

▲ Kan., Kansas City—SCHOOL—Bd. Educ., Library Bldg., plans by J. W. Radotinsky, 1401 Fairfax Trafficway, Kansas City, Kan., Argentine High School addn., imprvs., $1,400,000; Elementary and Junior High School, $700,000; plans by R. E. Meyn, 2944 N. 53 St., Kansas City, Kan., elementary school, 10 and Locust Sts., $300,000; plans by Wilson & Earnheart, 1135 Minnesota St., Kansas City, Kan., Snow School, $300,000. CD 10/28.

▲ Mich., Ann Arbor—CITY HALL—City, Fred J. Locker, clk., city hall, $1,000,000.

▲ Minn., St. Paul—SCHOOLS—City, City Hall, voted $11,000,000 bonds, schools. CD 10/30/50.

▲ Minn., St. Paul—ATHLETIC AND RECREATION CENTER—City, City Hall, voted $2,000,000 bonds civic athletic and recreation center.

▲ Mo., North Kansas City—HOSPITAL—Clay County Memorial Hospital Assn., c/o Allan F. Wherritt, Liberty, hospital on 19½ acres Vivion Rd. (US 69) and Highland. $2,000,000. John Smiley, supt. St. Luke's Hospital, 44 and J. C. Nichols Parkway, Kansas City, Mo., advisor. CD 8/19, under Mo., Liberty.

▲ Mont., Anaconda—SCHOOL—Deer Lodge Co. School Dist., plans by Fox & Ballas, Missoula, high school. $1,100,000. CD 4/29.

▲ N. Y., New York—HOUSING—New York City Housing Auth., 63 Park Row, Zone 38, has not selected architect for Mary K. Simkhovitch Houses, Spring St., Avenue of the Americas, West Houston St., West Broadway. $25,000,000. (Correction—architect). CD 8/25.

▲ O., Ashland—SCHOOL—School Dist., High School Bldg., voted bonds Nov. 3, schools. $1,280,000. CD 9/24.

▲ O., Coshocton—HOSPITAL—Comrs. Coshocton Co., Coshocton voted bonds Nov. 3, hospital imprvs. and expansion. $1,600,000. CD 8/11.

▲ O., Kettering—SCHOOLS—Local School Dist., Kettering, voted $2,020,000 bonds Nov. 3, schools. CD 10/9.

▲ O., Maple Heights—SCHOOLS—Bd. Educ., 5500 Clement Dr., voted bonds Nov. 3, elementary school, Raymond St., Stafford School addn., and imprv. existing sites. $1,050,000. CD 10/28.

▲ O., Niles—SCHOOL—Bd. Educ., Niles, voted $2,280,000 bonds Nov. 3, school bldg. program, Senior High School, $1,200,000; remodel and rehabilitate existing bldgs., $1,080,000. CD 8/28.

▲ O., Piqua City—SCHOOLS—School Dist., Piqua City, voted bonds Nov. 3, schools. $1,850,000. CD 9/24.

▲ O., Shawnee—SCHOOL—Shawnee School Dist., Shawnee, voted bonds Nov. 3, school. $1,500,000. CD 5/9/50.

▲ O., Van Wert—HOSPITAL—Van Wert Co., Court House, defeated $1,000,000 bonds Nov. 3, hospital and nurses' home. CD 10/5.

▲ O., Wapakoneta—SCHOOLS—Wapakoneta School Bd., defeated $1,195,000 bonds schools. CD 8/11.

▲ O., Willoughby—SCHOOLS—Willoughby-Eastlake School Dist., Willoughby, voted $2,000,000 bonds Nov. 3, schools. CD 9/29.

▲ O., Wilmington—SCHOOLS—Bd. Educ., Wilmington, defeated $1,500,000 bonds schools. CD 10/20.

▲ O., Xenia—HIGH SCHOOL—Bd. Educ., Xenia, defeated $1,100,000 bonds Nov. 3, Junior High School. CD 9/16.

▲ O., Youngstown—SCHOOLS—Boardman Twp., School Dist., Market St., voted $1,200,000 bonds Nov. 3, schools. CD 8/27.

▲ Okla., Oklahoma City—SCHOOLS—Oklahoma Co., Court House, bond election Dec. 8, Negro schools. $1,000,000. Hodgins, Thompson & Ball, 1100 W. Main St., archts.

▲ Tenn., Bolivar—DORMITORY—State Mental Health Dpt., Capitol, Nashville, dormitory, Western State Hospital. $1,500,000.

▲ Tenn., Knoxville—DORMITORY—State Mental Health Dpt., Capitol, Nashville, men's dormitory addn. Eastern State Hospital. $1,000,000.

▲ Tex., Amarillo—HIGH SCHOOL—Amarillo Independent School Dist., Amarillo, plans by Dr. N. L. Engelhardt, c/o Engelhardt, Engelhardt & Leggett, 551 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y., educational consults., and Walsh & Hazelwood and Short & Boren, Paramount Bldg., five separate 1 and 2 story masonry buildings, 115,000 sq. ft. Northeast Senior High School. $1,150,000. CD 12/22.

▲ Tex., Houston—SCHOOLS—Houston Independent School Dist., 1600 Washington St., elementary school for Negroes, Napoleon, Francis and Beulah Sts., $350,000; plans by Herbert Voelcker & Assocs., 1202 Dennis St., converting Dobson Elementary School into a Junior High School, $375,000; plans by Cameron D. Fairchild & Assocs., 2626 Westheimer St., elementary school, Linkwood St., in Knollwood area, $375,000; plans by C. G. Elliott, 4511 Kyle St., elementary school off Market St. in Pleasantville addn., $425,000; plans by Irving R. Klein & Assocs., 1317 Austin St., elementary school, Crestmont and Belfort Sts., $450,000; plans by Stayton Nunn, 3272 Westheimer St., new Junior High School, Zindler, Larimer and Market Sts., in Denver Harbor addn., $1,250,000; plans by Louis A. Glover 3116 Austin St., Park Place Elementary School, $325,000. Milton McGinty, 2425 Ralph St., superv. archt. on foregoing schools. CD 6/23/47.

▲ Va., Lynchburg—HIGH SCHOOL—City School Bd., City Hall, plans by Pendleton S. Clark, Krise Bldg., 3 story Dunbar High School addn. $1,500,000. Fraioli-Blum-Yesselman, 1214 Granby St., Norfolk, consult. engrs. CD 9/18/52.

▲ Va., Norfolk—HOSPITAL—Norfolk General Hospital, Raleigh Ave., plans by Vernon A. Moore, 716 W. 20 St., 9 story central wing. $2,750,000.

▲ Wis., Brookfield—SCHOOL—Union Free High School Dist. No. 1, R2 Box 124A, Pewaukee, voted $1,602,000 bonds Oct. 27, high school. Perkins & Will, 309 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill., and Grasswold-Johnson & Assoc., 734 N. Jefferson St., Milwaukee, Zone 2, archts. CD 10/21.

▲ Alta., Medicine Hat—HOSPITAL—General Office Bd., 344 Prospect Dr., plans by Rule, Winn & Rule, 11422 Jasper Ave., Calgary, 80-200-bed hospital, $1,000,000. CD 1/28.

▲ Man., Winnipeg—HOUSING—Municipality, City Hall, ratepayers voted in favor, housing development $1,100,000. W. D. Hurst, City Hall, city engr. CD 10/5.

▲ Man., Winnipeg—SCHOOL—Municipality, City Hall, ratepayers voted in favor school construction, $3,500,000. W. D. Hurst, City Hall, city engr. CD 10/5.

▲ Ont., Brockville—HOUSING—Municipality, housing development on 90 acre site, $3,000,000. CD 9/25/51.

▲ Que., Montreal—COLLEGE—Bd. Governors, Sir G. Williams College, 1441 Drummond St., plans by Ross & Assoc., Dom. Sq. Bldg., college addn. $2,000,000. CD 3/30/51.

▲ Que., Montreal—HOSPITAL—City, hospital and training center for Mentally Handicapped Children Incorp. $1,500,000. CD 4/28/49.

▲ Que., Verdun—CIVIC CENTRE, etc.—City, A. J. Burgess, city clk., combined civic center and federal bldg. (post office). $2,000,000.

COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

▲ Ill., Chicago—SHOPPING CENTER—New York Life Insurance Co., 470 E. 35 St., plans by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, 100 W. Monroe St., Zone 3, shopping center, 17 acres on South Parkway between 31st and 35 Sts. to serve 101-acre housing proj. of owners. $10,000,000.

▲ Ia., Waterloo—HOSPITAL—Allen Memorial Hospital, Waterloo, hospital addn. $1,000,000.

▲ Mich., Ann Arbor—HOMES—Loch Alpine Development Co., A. Green, 13324 W. Seven Mile Rd., Detroit, Loch Alpine Development, 500 single homes, incl. lake and recreational facilities near here. $4,500,000.

▲ Mich., Kalamazoo—HOSPITAL—Borgess Hospital Bd. Trustees, plans by Schmidt, Garden & Erikson, S. Michigan St., Chicago, Ill., brick, steel hospital addn., incl. laboratory, pharmacy psychiatric dpt., heating plant facilities, $1,350,000.

▲ Mo., Kansas City—OFFICE, etc.—Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, c/o Harold E. Pundy, div. mgr., 40 and Main Sts., office, parking facility, Armour Blvd., 34 Terrace and Warwick St. $1,000,000.

▲ Mo., St. Louis—LIBRARY—St. Louis University, Very Rev. Paul C. Reinert, S. J., pres., 221 N. Grand Blvd., Zone 3, Pope Pius XII Memorial Library on university campus, $4,000,000-$5,000,000.

▲ N. Y., Hempstead—SHOPPING CENTER—Roosevelt Field, Inc., c/o Webb & Knapp, Inc., 383 Madison Ave., New York, Zone 17, shopping center, 130-acre tract bounded by Clinton Rd., Old Country Rd. and Stewart Ave. to center around new Macy's Store. $35,000,000. Ieoh Ming Pei, 270 Park Ave., New York, Zone 17, owners' engr.

▲ N. Y., New Rochelle—COMMUNITY CENTER—Beth El Community Center, 1324 North Ave., community center 4-acre site, North Ave. at Northfield Rd. $2,000,000.

▲ S. C., Columbia—HOSPITAL—Baptist Hospital, 1519 Marion St., plans by Lafaye, Fair, Lafaye & Assocs., 1226 Sumter St., hospital addn. $1,000,000. CD 10/26/51.

▲ Ont., Hamilton—BANK—Royal Bank of Canada, 360 St. James St. W., Montreal, plans by E. P. Warren, c/o owner, 6 story, bank, 28 James St. S. $2,000,000.

INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS

▲ Ala., Birmingham—PLANT—Acme Steel Corp., 1727 Sixth Ave. N., plant, $2,000,000.

▲ Ill., Morris—FACTORY—Maytag Corp., Newton, washing machine factory. $3,000,000. Vern E. Alden, 33 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, Zone 2, consult. engr.

▲ Mo., St. Louis—PLANT—Marlo Coil Co., 6135 Manchester St., 1 story, 400x600 ft. brick plant, $2,500,000. Brussel & Viterbo, Arcade Bldg., consult. engrs.

▲ Neb., Omaha—WAREHOUSE—Safeway Stores, Inc., 4 and Jackson Sts., Oakland, Calif., warehouse supply center, $8,000,000-$10,000,000.

▲ N. Y., Kingston—PLANT—International Business Machines, 590 Madison Ave., New York, Zone 22, plant.

▲ N. C., Statesville—PLANT—Southern Screw Co., Statesville, plant addn. $2,000,000.

▲ Wash., Seattle—PARKING GARAGE—System Auto Parks & Garages, Inc., 601 Olive Way, plans by Stiles O. Clements, 210 W. 7 St., Los Angeles, Calif., 6-level parking garage, $3,000,000. CD 4/16.

▲ Alta., Edmonton—PLANT—Barcam Ltd., 1718 W. 5 St., Vancouver, B. C., will not construct gas absorption plant. $8,000,000. Petroleum and Natural Gas Board refused permit. Project abandoned. CD 10/6/52.

▲ Que., Montreal—AUTO PARTS—Ford Motor Co. of Canada Ltd., Windsor, plans by P. Booth, 485 McGill St., 1 story, 240x1413 ft., steel, brick auto parts dpt., Cote De Liesse Rd. $1,000,000, T. Pringle & Son Ltd., 485 McGill St., consult. engrs. CD 10/15/47.

UNIT PRICES

Runway extension, California

Thirteen bidders were closely bunched in competition for a $512,434 runway-extension job at Norton Air Force Base, San Bernardino, California. The low bidder, a combination of Matich Brothers and Lowe & Watson, was less than 1% below the second low and 8.8% below the engineer's estimate. Ten other bidders were also below the engineer's appraisal.

There was an average spread of 1.2% and a maximum spread of 2.7% between each of the first twelve bids. Twenty percent separated the twelfth and thirteenth bids. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded the contract.

Work consists of a runway extension, a taxiway extension, and a railroad relocation. Seven inches of portland cement concrete will be used on the 150-ft wide, 2,500-ft long runway extension. The taxiway extension will utilize 3-in. of asphaltic concrete on its 75-ft wide, 3,500-ft long surface.

Wage rates in this area include: plasterers, $3.50 per hr; cement finishers, $2.70 per hr; and common laborers, $2.05 per hr.

The job was started September 30 and is to be finished by May 1, 1954.

Bidders include:

1C	Matich Bros.-Lowe & Watson, Colton, Calif.	$512,434
2	Fredericksen & Kasler-Peter Kiewit Sons' Co., Sacramento, California	513,687
13	Marshall & Haas, Belmont, California	732,158
EE	U. S. Army, Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles district	562,090

Bids: 9-15-53 Items	Unit	Quantity	Unit Prices 1C	2
Runway extension				
Stripping	cy	28,420	$0.26	$0.42
Excavation & grading	cy	141,500	0.48	0.42
Pavement removal	sy	16,000	0.36	0.25
Preparation of site	ls	1	21,400	15,000
Lower 6" CI water line	lf	487	3.50	1.70
Conc encased industrial waste line	lf	70	6.60	4.00
CI pipe, 6"	lf	825	4.85	5.00
Reinf conc pipe, 18"	lf	400	7.40	5.50
21"	lf	415	9.10	6.50
24"	lf	240	11.55	7.80
Str conc for drain struct	cy	15	110.00	94.00
reinf stl	lb	1,500	0.13	0.16
misc iron & stl	lb	2,200	0.22	0.25
Bit surf crse for ditch lining	t	52	16.50	12.50
PCC pavement	cy	8,230	11.50	12.55
Portland cement	bbl	13,400	3.60	4.10
Bit surf crse for blast pads	t	460	4.80	4.75
Asph cmt, 85-100 penetr	t	28	4.80	22.20
Bit prime coat	gal	2,110	0.13	0.13
Stab aggr base course	cy	520	4.30	5.70
Mulching & seeding	ac	50	242.00	360.00
Stripping & marking	ls	1	2,000	2,500
CI pipe, 4"	lf	50	5.30	4.20
Reinf conc pipe, 27"	lf	256	12.00	8.50
Electrical pullbox, type A	ea	2	880.00	700.00
type B	ea	7	880.00	700.00
Elec ducts, conc encased 6-4"	lf	230	9.90	9.70
4-4"	lf	725	8.25	8.00
Taxiway extension				
Stripping	cy	7,900	0.26	0.42
Excavation & grading	cy	37,700	0.48	0.42
Pavement removal	sy	30,000	0.36	0.30
Lower 6" CI water line	lf	483	3.50	1.70
Conc encased industrial waste line	lf	80	6.60	4.00
Cast iron pipe, 6"	lf	525	4.85	5.00
Reinf conc pipe, 18"	lf	400	7.15	5.50
21"	lf	415	8.65	6.50
24"	lf	490	12.30	7.80
Str conc for drain struct	cy	15	110.00	94.00
reinf stl	lb	1,500	0.13	0.16
miscell iron & stl	lb	2,000	0.22	0.25
Bit binder course	t	2,320	4.65	4.75
Bit surface course	t	2,320	4.65	4.75
Bit surface course for blast pads	t	380	4.65	4.75
Asph cmt 85-100 penetr	t	300	4.65	22.20
Bit tack coat	gal	5,700	0.13	0.17
Bit prime coat	gal	16,000	0.12	0.13
Stab aggr base course	cy	5,750	4.30	5.70
Select mat base course	cy	4,000	0.66	1.10
Mulching & seeding	ac	15	242.00	360.00
Striping & marking	ls	1	390.00	470.00
Cast iron pipe, 4"	lf	50	5.35	4.20
Electrical pullbox, type A	ea	4	880.00	700.00
type B	ea	6	880.00	700.00
Elec ducts, conc encased 6-4"	lf	370	9.90	9.70
4-4"	lf	285	8.25	8.00
Railroad relocation				
Ballast	cy	2,400	4.40	2.90
Furnish ties	ea	2,600	4.40	4.40
Install track	lf	4,710	3.50	3.15
Salvage track	lf	4,600	0.60	0.57
Stripping	cy	2,400	0.26	0.42
Excavation & grading	cy	20,000	0.55	0.42
Bit surf crse for RR crossing	t	2	27.50	8.80
Asph cmt, 85-100 penetr	t	0.12	44.00	39.00
Bit prime coat	gal	6	0.55	0.15
Rip rap slope protection	cy	4,440	4.40	4.00
Corr met pipe, 48"	lf	582	20.00	18.20
Mat base crse, selected	cy	65	2.20	1.10
Construct road block	ls	1	55.00	240.00
Reinf conc pipe, 21"	lf	80	13.75	7.00

Storm sewers, Washington

Storm sewers were installed on 0.3 miles of highway in Almira, Washington. The $20,695 contract for the job was awarded to Russell-Gillett Co., lowest of eight bidders, by the Washington State Highway Commission, W. A. Bugge, director.

The low bid was 3% below the second low and 22% below the high. An average of 3.3% separated each of the bids.

Work consisted of installing approximately 1,600 ft of 30-in. reinforced concrete pipe for a storm drain and appurtenant road work. All materials were furnished by the contractor.

The job was scheduled for completion in 60 calendar days.

Bidders include:

1C	Russell-Gillett Co., Cle Elum, Washington	$20,695
2	Goetz & Brennan, Seattle, Washington	21,252
8	Goodfellow Bros., Inc., Wenatchee, Washington	26,390

Bids: 8-11-53 Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Prices 1C	2
Common trench exc, incl haul	cy	110	$2.00	$1.70
Structure excavation	cy	1,598	2.00	1.70
Mechanical tamper	day	18.5	35.00	40.00
Water	mgal	50	4.00	2.00
Crush stone surface, in place	cy	265	2.00	1.20
Ballast in place	cy	510	2.00	1.20
Asph cmt, no. 3	t	1	150.00	100.00
Place crush cover stone	cy	20	3.00	2.25
Conc, class C	cy	3.7	100.00	120.00
Conc or VC drn pipe, 8"	lf	18	1.50	1.00
Std RC culv pipe, 12" dia	lf	204	2.25	2.25
18"	lf	72	4.00	4.00
30"	lf	1,580	8.00	8.30
Relay conc drn pipe, 8"	lf	72	1.00	0.70
Manholes	ea	3	125.00	300.00
Remove conc headers & wing walls	ls	1	100.00	250.00
Remove timber bridges (2)	ls	1	100.00	250.00
Catch basins	ea	6	40.00	110.00

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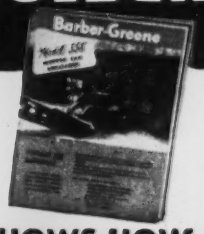

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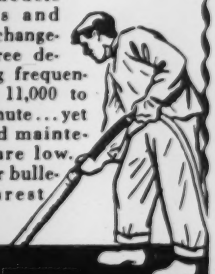

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NEW ENGLAND

BIDS ASKED—HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

STATE HIGHWAY LETTINGS
STREETS AND ROADS
December 1 Massachusetts

BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

▲ **R. I., Bristol**—VETERANS HOME—B.A. 12/3—Rhode Island Veterans Home, Metacom Ave., remodel and addn. to veterans home. $1,300,000. Plans deposit $100. Creer, Kent, Mather, Cruise & Aldrich, 423 Industrial Trust Bldg., Providence, archts. CD 1/6.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **MASSACHUSETTS**—Commonwealth of Mass., Dpt. P. Wks., 100 Nashua St., Boston,
M. DeMatteo Constr. Co., 200 Hancock St., Quincy, Mass. CA **$4,826,332**, est. $5,100,000. hy. and bridge Rte. 128 South Circum. Hy., U 229 (5), Needham and Wellesley;
Daniel O'Connell's Sons, Inc., 480 Hampden St., Holyoke, Mass. CA **$1,697,928**, est. $1,950,000. Contr. C state hy. and bridge South End bridge Columbus Ave., Agawam and Springfield. CD 11/9, under LB.

▲† **T. C. Bateson Constr. Co.**, 6800 Denton Dr., Dallas, Tex. CA **$4,329,000**, est. $5,000,000. 15 multi-purpose hangars, Westover Air Force Base, Eng. 19-016-54-31, CHICOPEE FALLS, MASS. U.S. Eng., 857 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass. Charles T. Main, Inc., 80 Federal St., Boston, Mass., engr. CD 10/28, under LB.

BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **Concrete Constr. Co.**, 11 Garfield Ave., Chelsea, Mass. CA **$1,811,000**. Central Junior High SCHOOL, off Broad St., East Weymouth, WEYMOUTH, MASS. Town, Elmer S. Mapes, supt. Schools, 89 Middle St., East Weymouth Mass. CD 10/27, under LB.

▲ **Frouge Constr. Co., Inc.**, 74 Goodwell St., Bridgeport, Conn., LB **$3,369,000**. Proj. B-A-A-82 ADMISSIONS and INTENSIVE TREATMENT BLDG. Fairfield State Hospital, NEWTOWN, CONN. State, R. G. Macy, P. Wks. comr., State Office bldg., Hartford, Conn. Bids Nov. 10. CD 10/6.

MIDDLE ATLANTIC

BIDS ASKED—HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

STATE HIGHWAY LETTINGS
BRIDGES
December 3 New York — December 8 New Jersey
STREETS AND ROADS
December 1 Maryland — December 8 New Jersey

BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

▲ **Pa., Monroeville**—HIGH SCHOOL—B.A. 11/30—Municipal Auth. of School Dist. of Monroeville, P. O. Turtle Creek, 1 and 2 story, brick, block steel Junior High School. $1,800,000. Walter Schardt, 1601 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, archt. CD 11/28/52.

▲ **N. J., Newark**—HOSPITAL—B.A. 12/1—Clara Mass Memorial Hospital, 16 Twelfth Ave., 312-bed hospital at Branch Brook Park, $3,700,000.

▲ **Pa., Greensburg**—OFFICE, etc.—B.A. 12/1—West Penn Power Co., 14 Wood St., Pittsburgh, 4 story, 212x373 ft., steel, brick and block office, warehouse and garage, Maple Ave. and Delmont Rd. $5,000,000. Hoffman & Crumpton, 700 Century Bldg., Pittsburgh, archts. CD 9/17.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

SOON LETS CONTRACT—BUILDINGS

▲ **NEW JERSEY**—New Jersey Hy. Auth., State Hy. Dpt. Office Bldg., 1035 Parkway Ave., Trenton,
Union Bldg. & Constr. Corp., 631 Main Ave., Passaic, N. J. LB, **$2,460,993**, Contract 86, paving 19.785 mi. Garden State Parkway from Route 30 interchange in Galloway Twp. to Westecunk Creek, Atlantic, Burlington and Ocean Counties. Bids Nov. 5. CD 10/19.

▲ **NEW JERSEY**—New Jersey Hy. Auth., State Hy. Dpt. Office Bldg., 1035 Parkway Ave., Trenton,
Union Bldg. & Constr. Corp., 631 Main Ave., Passaic, N. J., LB, **$5,089,635**. Contract No. 60, grading, drainage, paving, structures, for 2.56 mi. Garden State Parkway between Nye Ave., Irvington, and Rodwell Ave., Newark, Essex Co. Bids Nov. 9. CD 10/20.

BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **Joseph P. Blitz, Inc.**, 150 E. 39 St., New York, N. Y. CA **$3,173,800**, general constr. Brevoort HOUSES, Proj. No. NY 5-17, Sect. II, incl. Bldgs. 7 to 13 (inclusive), in area bounded generally by Bainbridge St., Ralph Ave., Marion St. and Patchen Ave., BROOKLYN, N. Y. New York City Housing Auth., 63 Park Row, New York 38, N. Y. Bids Sept. 15. CD 10/1, under LB.

▲ **Shore Crest Estates**, c/o Matern & York, archts., 90-04, 161 St., Jamaica, N. Y. Owner Builds. **$2,000,000**. 78 HOUSES, Landing Rd. and Red Spring Lane, GLEN COVE, N. Y.

▲ **Jonwal Constr. Co., Inc.**, 1527 Franklin Ave., Mineola, N. Y. CA **$2,300,000**. HOSPITAL addn., Oceanside Rd., OCEANSIDE, N. Y. South Nassau Communities Hospital, 35 Oceanside Rd., Oceanside, N. Y. CD 8/20.

▲ **George A. Fuller Co.**, 597 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y., CA. Est. **$5,000,000**. Loyola SEMINARY, SHRUB OAK, N. Y. New York Province of the Society of Jesus, 501 E. Fordham Rd., New York, N. Y. CD 10/2/52.

▲ **Greenway-At-Syosset Homes**, c/o Herman York, archt., 90-04, 161 St., Jamaica, N. Y. Owner Builds. **$2,000,000**. (2nd unit), 100 HOUSES, Cold Spring Rd. SYOSSET, N. Y.

▲ **Sun Constr. Co.**, 2100 Ailor Ave., Knoxville, Tenn. LB **$4,529,000**. Pratt Street HOUSING. 490 masonry units, BALTIMORE, MD. Baltimore Housing Auth., 709 E. Eager St., Baltimore, Md. Bids Nov. 12. CD 11/2.

SOUTH

BIDS ASKED—HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

▲ **Ky., Covington**—B.A. 12/22—Kenton County Water Dist. No. 1, 31 E. 7 St., First Phase foundations for 500,000 gal. storage tank, connecting mains, appurtenances in Kenton Lands near Erlanger. Total est. $2,000,000, Alfred LeFeber & Assoc., 2933 Woodburn St., Cincinnati, O., engrs.

▲† **Tennessee**—B.A. 1/7—U. S. Eng., 303 Federal Office Bldg., Nashville, Zone 1, power plant for Old Hickory Dam. CD 9/15, under LB.

BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

▲ **Fla., Coral Gables**—RESIDENCE HALL—B.A. 12/7—University of Miami, 1200 Campo Sano Ave., Julius S. Eaton Residence Hall, $1,500,000. Robert M. Little, 2180 Brickell Ave., Miami, Fla., archts. CD 5/6.

▲ **Va., Richmond**—SANITARIUM—B.A. 12/22—Medical College of Virginia, 12 and Marshall Sts., tuberculosis sanitarium and St. Philip Hospital. $3,000,000. Plans deposit $125. Baskervill & Son, 2313 W. Cary St., archt. CD 12/18.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **GEORGIA**—Georgia State Toll Bridge Building Auth., 2 Capitol Sq., Atlanta,
Scott Constr. Co., Inc., Thomasville, Ga., CA, **$463,511**, two overflow bridges and 1.947 mi. approaches State Rte. 23, BA (1) 907 (7), Long Co.; CA, **$590,421**, bridge and widening existing overflow bridges, 0.746 mi. approaches, BA (1) 950-A (6) Macon Co.; CA **$397,634**, bridge, 0.185 mi. approaches, S.R. 64, BA (1) 1952 (13), Appling and Tattnall Counties;
Wright Contg. Co., 504 25 Ave., Columbus, Ga., CA, **$71,819**, bridge and 0.83 mi. approaches S.R. 11, BA (1) 1019-B (3) Walton Co.; CA **$71,787** bridge and 0.257 mi. paved approaches, S.R. 8 BA (1), 1848-A (1), DeKalb Co.;
C. L. Rhodes, Decatur, Ga., CA, **$173,926**, 2 bridges 0.632 mi. approaches, State Rte. 56, BA (1) 739 (3) Burke and Richmond Counties;
Ledbetter-Johnson Co., Rome, Ga., and **Henry Newton Co.**, Decatur, Ga., CA, **$785,709**, bridge and 0.914 mi. approaches, BA (1) 859 (7), Floyd Co.;
McMeekin Constr. Co., Cheraw, S. C., CA, **$1,227,797**, bridge over Wilmington River, 0.792 mi. approaches, State Rte. 26, BA (1) 919 (15), Chatham Co.;
H. M. Pafford, Jr., Waycross, Ga., CA, **$1,026,939**, bridge at Satilla River, S.R. 25, BA (1) 1791-B (11), Camden Co.;
H. G. Smith, Fitzgerald, Ga., CA, **$119,621**, reconstr. spans of bridge, 336 ft. approaches S.R. 27, BA (1) 1851-A (15) Telfair and Jeff Davis Counties. Grand total $4,803,164. Bids Nov. 6. CD 10/28.

BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **Daniel Constr. Co.**, P.O. Box 2286, Greenville, S. C. CA **$2,500,000**. Home OFFICE, GREENVILLE, S. C. Liberty Life Insurance Co., Liberty Life Bldg., Greenville, S. C.

Cecil's Inc., P.O. Box 1895, Spartanburg, S. C., CA, $1,490,800, (1) White Elementary-High SCHOOL: (2) Negro Elementary High School, SWAINSBORO, GA. Emanuel Co. Bd. Educ., Swainsboro, Ga. Bids Nov. 4. CD 11/11, under LB.

▲ **Escot Constr. Co.**, 434 Michigan Ave., Miami Beach, Fla., CA, **$1,250,000**, APARTMENTS bldgs., OPA-LOCKA, FLA. United Housing, Inc., 122 St., Miami Beach, Fla.

MIDDLE WEST

BIDS ASKED—HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

STATE HIGHWAY LETTINGS
BRIDGES
December 8 Wisconsin
STREETS AND ROADS
December 8 Wisconsin

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **OHIO**—Ohio Turnpike Comn., 139 E. Gay St., Columbus,
Son Constructors, Inc., Winona, Minn., LB **$11,517,407**, Sect. 44, four single bridges, four twin bridges, six rein.-con. box culverts for drainage, incl. grading, drainage, structures, paving approx. 4.6 mi. from point approx. 3,000 ft. west of Oregon Rd. in Wood Co. exten. eastwardly to point approx. 2,000 ft. east of Lemoyne Rd., Wood Co.; Sect. 45, three single bridges, seven twin bridges, three rein.-con. box culverts for drainage, incl. grading, drainage structures, paving approx. 3.5 mi. from point approx. 768 ft. west of Lucas-Wood Co. line in Wood Co. exten. eastwardly to point approx. 3,000 ft. west of Oregon Rd., Wood Co.; Sect. 43, four single bridges, four twin bridges, seven rein.-con. culverts for drainage, all bridges are steel beam bridges from three to five-spans each, incl. grading, drainage, structure, paving approx. 4.2 mi. from point approx. 2,000 ft. east of Lemoyn Rd. in Wood Co. exten. eastwardly to point approx. 1,000 ft. east of Hillman Rd., Ottawa Co., Wood and Ottawa Counties. Bids Nov. 10. CD 10/12.

BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **Morgan Constr. Co.**, 15 Belmont St., Worcester 5, Mass. CA Total cost **$10,000,000**, new ROD MILL, incl. billet storage areas and rod storage areas, Cuyahoga Heights Plant, CLEVELAND, O. American Steel & Wire Div., U. S. Steel Corp., Rockefeller Bldg., Cleveland, O. CD 11/5.

▲ **Poirot Constr. Co.**, 2001 Pershing Rd., Chicago, 9, Ill., CA, **$1,500,000**, 200,000 sq. ft. FACTORY in Crawford Ave., Central Mfg. District, CHICAGO, ILL. Hallicrafters Co., 4401 W. 5 Ave., Chicago, Ill. A. Epstein & Sons Co., 2011 Pershing Rd., Chicago 9, Ill. archt. Awarded Nov. 5.

▲ **Fidelity Builders**, 4214 N. Western St., Chicago, Ill. Owner Builds, **$2,600,000**, 175 HOMES, sewage and paving, 8200 N. Harlem Area and Main St. NILES, ILL.

▲ **American Community Builders**, 105 W. Monroe St., Chicago 13, Ill. Owner Builds, **$9,000,000**. 546 HOMES, PARK FOREST, ILL. Loebl, Schlossmann & Bennett, 430 N. Michigan St., Chicago 11, Ill., archts.

▲ **Korman & Hassin**, 22190 Westhampton St., Oak Park, Mich. Owner Builds. **$2,750,000**. 110 brick ranch HOMES, West Maple and Glengarry Rds., BLOOMFIELD, MICH.

WEST OF MISSISSIPPI

BIDS ASKED—HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

STATE HIGHWAY LETTINGS
STREETS AND ROADS
December 15 Texas

▲† **Texas**—B.A. 12/22—U. S. Eng., 100 W. Vickery St., Fort Worth, Turtle Creek Pressure Sewer. $1,000,000-$5,000,000. Extended date. CD 11/5.

▲† **Tex., Abilene**—DORMITORIES, etc.—B.A. 12/16—U. S. Eng., 100 W. Vickery St., Fort Worth, seven 3 story masonry 176,750 sq. ft. dormitories; two 1 story masonry 34,000 sq. ft. mess and admin. bldg., site preparation, grading, drainage, underground utilities, Abilene Air Force Base. $2,107,500. CD 12/18.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲† **S. E. Evans**, 2914 North "O" St., Fort Smith, Ark., and **D. B. Hill**, 619 Parker St., Little Rock, Ark., LB, **$1,311,741**, est. $1,669,450, Lots 1 and 2, grading 3,000,000 cu. yd. Little Rock Air Force Base, LITTLE ROCK, ARK. U. S. Eng., 300 Broadway, Little Rock, Ark. CD 10/9.

BUILDINGS

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **Aton Bros. Constr. Co.**, 1571 E. Cherokee St., Springfield, Mo. CA Est. **$1,250,000**, branch STORE, SPRINGFIELD, MO. Sears Roebuck & Co., 925 S. Homan St., Chicago, Ill. Bids Oct. 7. CD 10/6.

▲ **J. M. Odom**, Box 774, Austin, Tex., CA **$1,289,000**, general constr.,
C. Wallace Plumbing Co., 1741 Old Spanish Trail, Houston, Tex., CA **$868,000**, plumbing, heating and ventilating, Brackenridge HOSPITAL addn., AUSTIN, TEX. City, City Hall, Travis Co., Court House, Austin, Tex. Bids Oct. 27. CD 10/30, under LB.

FAR WEST

BIDS ASKED—BUILDINGS

▲ **Calif., Los Angeles**—HOUSING—B.A. 12/29—Housing Auth. of City of Los Angeles, 1401 East First St., low-rent housing incl. 142-dwelling units, known as Imperial Courts Part 2-142 Unit Increment, in Imperial Hy. and Croesus Avenue area. Plans deposit $100. CD 9/18/50.

CANADA

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

LOW BIDS AND CONTRACTS

▲ **Fluor Corp. Ltd.**, 6010 Notre Dame St. E., Montreal, Que., CA, **$10,000,000**, design and construct REFINERY, BURNABY, B. C. Standard Oil Co. of British Columbia, 906 Marine Bldg., Vancouver, B. C. CD 8/28/51.

(Proposal Advertisement see pp. 64 to 66)

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The construction industry will have pretty smooth sailing next year, in the view of the U. S. Commerce and Labor Departments.

They foresee nothing more serious than a moderate decline of 2% below the record-breaking peak of $34.7 billion that will be spent this year on all types of construction put in place (table below).

Total spending on new construction next year will amount to $34 billion, according to the government estimates. Private work will account for two-thirds of the total, with an estimated cash outlay of $22.8 billion—down 3% from 1953. On public construction, the outlook is for a decline of only 1%, with 1954 expenditures expected to run $11.2 billion.

(The Commerce-Labor estimates of work put in place, show a similar trend to ENR's own forecast of Oct. 1, page 21, based on heavy construction contract awards, that the decline next year will be about 2½%.)

• **Housing given nod**—Housing—biggest single part of the construction picture, gets a better break in the Commerce-Labor estimate than pessimists have been willing to give it.

Government statisticians look for $11.2 billion of spending on private residential construction in 1954—only 4% off from this year. Even on public housing, their estimate is a bit higher than the preliminary projections of other estimators: allowing $365 million for 1954 work, a drop of 34% from 1953.

Greater construction expenditures are also expected for all utilities that serve the country's growing, mobile population. Privately owned utilities, such as railroads, power companies, telephone services and pipelines, are expected to spend nearly $4.6 billion—a rise of 3% over 1953.

Publicly owned utilities such as roads, water works, sewerage, are likewise expected to make larger expenditures during the coming year. Highway construction spending will probably amount to nearly $3.5 billion, up 10% from this year. Sewer and water construction seems pointed toward an 8% rise for 1954, to reach a level of about $825 million.

Military public works, however, probably will taper off on construction spending by 12%, to a 1954 figure of $1.2 billion. And expenditures for flood control, reclamation, navigation, also appear headed for a 10% drop.

• **Assumptions**—Statisticians of the two government departments pointed out that their estimates assume no significant change in the international situation, and continuing high levels of employment and personal income—but a slight decline in the general economy and some rise in the number of workers out of jobs. They anticipate, also, about a million new housing starts during 1954—including 25,000 public units, and expect mortgage funds will be adequate and construction costs will vary little from current levels.

• **How they estimate**—Here's how the

OUTLOOK FOR CONSTRUCTION PUT IN PLACE—'53 AND '54

Estimated by Commerce-Labor Departments
(Millions of Dollars)

Type of Construction	1953	1954	% Change '54 from '53
Total New Construction	**$34,720**	**$34,000**	**— 2**
Private, Total	**23,430**	**22,800**	**— 3**
Residential (excluding farm)	11,715	11,225	— 4
New Dwelling Units	10,345	9,650	— 7
Additions and Alterations	1,104	1,300	+18
Nonhousekeeping	266	275	+ 3
Nonresidential Building	5,689	5,575	— 2
Industrial	2,263	1,950	—14
Warehouses, Office and Loft Buildings	740	850	+15
Stores, Restaurants and Garages	1,035	1,100	+ 6
Other Nonresidential Building	1,651	1,675	+ 1
Religious	473	500	+ 6
Educational	423	450	+ 6
Hospital and Institutional	313	300	— 4
Social and Recreational	161	175	+ 9
Miscellaneous	281	250	—11
Farm Construction	1,475	1,300	—12
Public Utility	4,430	4,575	+ 3
Railroad	480	475	— 1
Telephone and Telegraph	600	625	+ 4
Other Public Utility	3,350	3,475	+ 4
Local Transit	30	25	—17
Pipeline	270	300	+11
Electric Light and Power	1,825	1,900	+ 4
Gas	1,225	1,250	+ 2
All Other Private	121	125	+ 3
Public, Total	**11,290**	**11,200**	**— 1**
Residential	551	365	—34
Nonresidential Building	4,339	4,275	— 1
Industrial	1,786	1,600	—10
Educational	1,742	1,925	+11
Hospital and Institutional	341	275	—19
Other Nonresidential Building	470	475	+ 1
Military and Naval	1,360	1,200	—12
Highway	3,145	3,450	+10
Sewer and Water	761	825	+ 8
Miscellaneous Public Service Enterprises	196	200	+ 2
Conservation and Development	833	750	—10
All Other Public	105	135	+29

government estimates are worked out. In the Labor Dept., the Bureau of Labor Statistics takes primary responsibility for statistics about private residential building and all public construction. In Commerce the Building Materials & Construction Division of the new Business & Defense Services Administration has primary responsibility for reports on all private nonresidential construction.

These agencies discuss the business outlook and construction estimates in a general way with economists and statisticians in their departments. Persons in both agencies get together informally with each other to compare notes while working up their own estimates. Eventually, the two groups meet to work out final figures, defending their own estimates and attacking what they regard as weak or unsound in the other team's figures, until all agree on a joint forecast.

There's no crystal gazing. The estimators don't work downward from any general premise for construction, based on gross national product or national income. They tackle each category separately and make a specific estimate for that item.

BLS and Commerce don't look at their estimates as the last word in construction figures. They would like to do a better job—if they could afford the people to develop a broader and more thorough base for their construction data.

Critics—with some reason—say that these estimates miss actual volume by as much as — 20%. But government statisticians argue that even if this is true their estimates do show overall trends.

Contractors bid closely on Kentucky plant

In these days of increasing competition, contractors are sharpening their pencils. Here is the bidding recently for the superstructure of a plant being built at Lexington, Ky., by the Wesson Metal Corp.:

Clarke, Stewart & Wood Co.	$107,985
Cravens & Cravens Co.	107,985
Tuttle Construction Co.	111,590
Forbes & Taylor Co.	111,800
Gibson Construction Co.	112,000
Skinner Brothers	112,250
R. D. Short Co.	140,000

The contract was awarded to Clarke, Stewart & Wood, which tied for the low bid and which already was handling the foundation and steel work.

Money may tighten

But the trend won't last long, say bond market men

In spite of signs that the municipal bond market was running into trouble, the $135-million issue sold to underwriters last week by the New Jersey Highway Authority to complete the financing of the Garden State Parkway was resold quickly to investors. The tax-exempt issue, which is guaranteed by the state, cost the authority about 2.77%. When it offered the first $150 million of the Garden State Parkway financing last July, the authority had to pay underwriters almost 3%. That's an indication of how much interest rates have eased since that time.

The way investors bought up the big Garden State issue is an encouraging sign for other local governments that are planning to raise money for construction. For, in the last couple of weeks, the steady decline in interest rates on municipal bonds that has gone on since July has started to level off.

One reason for this may be the fact that some other big issues will be coming to market soon. The Indiana Toll Road Commission plans to offer $225 million or $250 million of bonds before long. And the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority is planning to sell a $200-million issue early in 1954.

• **Corporate bonds**—In the corporate bond market, there have also been some indications that interest rates are rising a little. Several recent issues of utility bonds, bought by underwriters at high prices then reoffered to investors, have sold very slowly and at prices below the original offering price. When bond prices decline, that means interest rates are rising.

Industrial bond prices also have been weak lately. One reason for this

"Operation Facelift" gets under way in L A

To promote the "Build America Better" program of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, Los Angeles real estate men set up a rehabilitated building on Los Angeles' Wilshire Boulevard, a block from the recent NAREB annual convention site. Inspecting a "before" picture in front of the "after" results are: William A. Wells, president of the New York State Association of Real Estate Boards; Henry G. Waltemade, chairman of the Realtors Washington committee of NAREB; E. A. Becker, builder and contractor who did the facelifting job; A. H. Voelker, past president of the California Real Estate Association; and Fritz Burns, chairman of NAREB's "Build America Better" Council. The program aims at encouraging rehabilitation of the country's slums and near-slums by private and municipal efforts, a subject that got much attention at the NAREB convention.

is the recent announcement by General Motors Corp. that it will soon put out a $300-million issue, which would be the largest industrial issue ever offered publicly to U. S. investors.

Many Wall Street observers, however, believe that if interest rates go higher, the trend won't last long. They point out that the end of the year is traditionally a period when money becomes harder to borrow. This is the time when bank loans rise to their peak as businessmen prepare for the Christmas season. After Christmas, the usual pattern is for interest rates to ease up again.

Another major reason why bond market men think interest rates will not tighten up for long is this: The Federal Reserve Board is continuing its policy of keeping money easy.

Texas group buys control of Pigeon Hole Parking

A Texas businessman and associates propose to buy control of Pigeon Hole Parking, Inc., of Spokane, Wash. (ENR Aug. 13, p. 92) and build $13 million worth of units throughout the U. S. during the next 18 months.

A group headed by E. H. Robertson, of Fort Worth, has offered to buy 760,000 shares of common stock in the company at 10 cents a share, plus all of a new preferred stock issue of 1.1 million shares at $2.50 apiece.

Pigeon Hole stockholders have voted to change the company's capital structure to permit selling control to the Texas group. They authorized a change from two million shares of common, with par value of $1, to 2.2 million shares. Half of this will be common stock, par value 10 cents. The other half will be preferred, with no stated par value.

L. C. George, of Houston, an associate of Robertson's who arranged the deal, told Pigeon Hole stockholders that the Texas group planned to buy or lease land in cities with serious parking problems. The Pigeon Hole units park cars by raising them from street level to upper floors by a combination traveling crane and hydraulic lift.

George said that most of the units would be built in Texas, New York, California, Pennsylvania, and Michigan. He predicted that the company would erect units holding 18,000 cars within the next year. The average unit would hold 220 cars and use two lifts.

Pigeon Hole Parking was developed in Spokane by two brothers, Vaughn and Leo Sanders. The lifts have been built by Peters Co., of Portland, Ore., which manufactured the first model according to the Sanders brothers' instructions.

Proposed work picks up fast in first half of November

The outlook for another good year for contractors has improved this month, because of a sharp pickup in the volume of new proposed work during the first two weeks of November.

During that period, new projects estimated to cost more than $1.4 billion were reported to ENR. This is greater than the combined total of new work that went into the backlog during September and October. Indications are that November volume of propsed work may come close to this year's high of $1.9 billion in January.

This upsurge follows a monthly total of $444 million in September, and $953 million in October. The September figure was the lowest since start of 1950 (ENR Oct. 29, p. 96).

While a few large projects accounted for more than half of the work proposed in the first two weeks of November, smaller jobs made up a healthy portion of the total. Among big projects proposed this month are:

- The $315-million hydroelectric project on the St. Lawrence River by the New York Power Authority.
- $300 million worth of toll roads and bridges in Michigan.
- A $250-million extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

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- **Pacific Gas & Electric Co.** expects to reduce its construction budget to an average of about $175 million during the next three years. In 1953, the company expects to spend about $190 million.

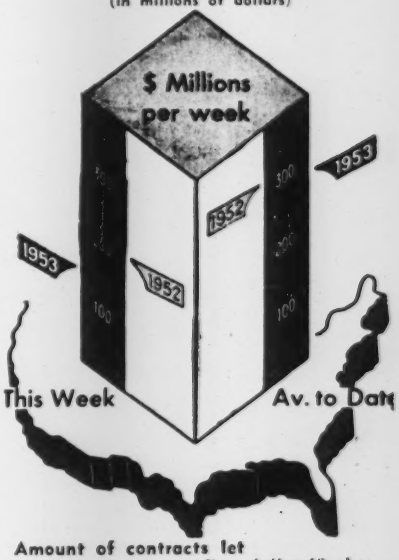
- **Idaho Power Co.** will spend $261 million for construction over the next 10 years. The company expects that use of electric power in its area will more than double by 1962.

- **Air-conditioning boom** is predicted by C. E. Buchholzer, president of Chrysler Corp.'s Airtemp Division. He thinks that by 1958 about one-half of all new homes will include year-round air conditioning.

- **Oliver Corp.,** Chicago manufacturer of construction and farm equipment, has acquired the stock of Bee-Gee Manufacturing Co., Gilroy, Calif. Bee-Gee also makes construction and farm machinery.

Activity This Week

As reported to ENR
(in millions of dollars)



Amount of contracts let

	This Week*	Cumulative 48 wks 1953	1952	% chge
Federal	$8.5	$1,341.2	$4,370.8	−69
State and municipal	44.3	4,582.8	3,829.1	+20
Total pub.	52.8	5,924.0	8,199.9	−28
Total priv.	92.3	7,735.9	6,582.4	+18
U. S. total	**$145.1**	**$13,659.9**	**$14,782.3**	**−8**
Contracts by type of work				
Waterworks	$2.4	$214.0	$206.5	−47
Sewerage	1.2	400.5	279.6	−86
Bridges	5.8	632.5	393.3	−56
Highways	19.8	1,646.2	1,345.4	−42
Earthwork, waterways	2.7	335.6	453.3	−61
Buildings:				
Public, excl. hsg.	18.0	1,577.0	4,174.9	−45
Housg., pub.	1.6	363.5	595.8	−79
Housg., priv.	40.0	3,224.8	2,782.7	−40
Commercial	4.5	1,066.9	711.5	−80
Industrial	41.9	2,609.3	2,596.3	−23
Unclassified	7.0	1,589.6	1,262.6	−79
Total	**$145.1**	**$13,659.9**	**$14,782.3**	**−49**

* 4-Day week

NOTE: Minimum size projects included are: Waterworks and waterway projects, $34,000; other public works, $60,000; industrial buildings, $82,000; other buildings, $300,000.

New capital for construction

	Week of Nov. 19 1953	Cumulative 47 Wks 1953	% chge 1952-53
Corporate securities	$19.0	$3,811.8	+12
State and municipal:			
Excluding housing	63.3	3,854.1	+41
Housing	...	262.1	−12
Federal loans	3.4	107.4	−67
Federal aid	...	770.9	+40
Total non-federal	**$85.8**	**$8,806.3**	**+20**
Federal approp.:			
In U. S.	...	1,566.7	−79
Outside U. S.	...	28.9	−85
Total new capital	**$85.8**	**$10,402.0**	**−30**

ENR indexes		1953	Base Years = 100 1913	1926	1949
Construction cost	Nov	610.92	293.67	128.07	
	Oct	610.76	293.59	128.04	
Building cost	Nov	436.34	235.87	124.03	
	Oct	436.31	235.86	124.03	
Volume	Oct	528	215	153	
	Sept	487	198	141	

OFFICIAL PROPOSALS

APPEAR HERE EACH THURSDAY. PROPOSAL ADVERTISEMENTS ACCEPTED UP TO 10:30 A.M. FRIDAY FOR THE ISSUE DATED THE FOLLOWING THURSDAY. (Except for earlier holiday closing)

Bids: December 8, 1953

Construction of Boulevard

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
TRENTON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the State Highway Department for:

FRANKLIN BOULEVARD

Construction of Franklin Boulevard from Township, Somerset County, Federal Easton Avenue to Rodney Avenue, Franklin Township, Somerset County, Federal Aid Secondary Project No. S-185(1). Length 0.227 miles. The principal items of construction are:

Estimated:
- 2,057 cu. yds. Roadway Excavation—Unclassified
- 6,197 sq. yds. 8" Macadam Base and Modified Penetration Macadam
- 822 tons Bituminous Concrete
- 2,212 lin. ft. Rein. Concrete Pipe
- 2,375 lin. ft. Concrete Curb

Bids for the above will be received at the office of the State Highway Department, Assembly Room, Room 140, in the State Highway Office Building, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey, on Tuesday, December 8, 1953, at eleven o'clock (11:00 A.M.—EASTERN STANDARD TIME), and will be opened and read immediately thereafter.

The receipt and opening of bids is subject to the proper qualification of the bidder in accordance with the provisions of the prequalification law and the regulations adopted by the State Highway Commissioner. Bidders must also submit a revised financial statement and statement of plant and equipment with their bid.

NOTE: The proposed project is a "Federal Aid Secondary Project" authorized by the provisions of Title 27 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey and supplements, and by P. L. 769, 81st Congress, and is to be performed in accordance with the special provisions and requirements of the Bureau of Public Roads, Department of Commerce, as outlined in the specifications, which provisions require that labor be employed from lists furnished by the State Employment Service, 275 Main Street, Somerville, N. J. or 94 Carroll Place, New Brunswick, N. J. The attention of bidders is directed to the special provisions covering subletting or assigning the contract. The minimum wage paid to all common labor employed on this contract shall be $0.75 per hour. The minimum wage paid to all intermediate grade of labor employed on this contract shall be $1.00 per hour. The minimum wage paid to all skilled labor employed on this contract shall be $1.50 per hour.

Drawings, specifications and form of bid, contract and bond for the proposed work are on file in the office of the State Highway Department, Trenton, New Jersey, and may be inspected by prospective bidders during office hours. Plans will be furnished on a deposit of Ten Dollars ($10.00) for each set of plans upon application to A. Lee Grover, Chief Clerk, State Highway Department, Room 139, State Highway Office Building, 1035 Parkway Ave., Trenton, N. J. Bids must be made upon the standard proposal forms in the manner designated in the standard State Highway specifications and must be enclosed in sealed special addressed envelopes bearing the name and address of the bidder and work bid upon on the outside, and must be accompanied by a certified check drawn to the order of the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey for not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid, provided that the said certified check shall not be less than $500.00 nor more than $20,000.00 and must be delivered at the above place on or before the hour named. Copies of the standard proposal forms and special addressed envelopes will be furnished on application. Bids not enclosed in sealed special addressed envelopes will be considered informal and will not be opened. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

Signed:
STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
A. Lee Grover, Chief Clerk

U. S. Government

Bureau of Reclamation, North Platte River District—111253-12, Casper, Wyoming. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids on Specifications No. 7030-320 for furnishing labor and materials and performing all work for the construction of Sidney Substation—Sioux Ordnance 34.5-Kilovolt Transmission Line, Missouri River Basin Project, will be mailed to P. O. Box 280, Casper, Wyoming, or delivered to the office of the Bureau of Reclamation in time for the public opening at 10:30 a.m., Mountain Standard Time, December 15, 1953, at the office of the Bureau of Reclamation, Reclamation Center, Casper, Wyoming. Copies of the standard forms and of the specifications may be obtained from the following offices of the Bureau of Reclamation: Avery A. Batson, Regional Director, Building No. 46, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado; and I. J. Matthews, District Manager, P. O. Box 280, Casper, Wyoming. No charge for copies of the specifications and drawings furnished for bidding purposes; for all others $1.00 per copy, not returnable. Payments should be made by check or money order payable to the Treasurer of the United States.

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Bids: December 18, 1953

River Interceptors

PROJECT WVA 46-P-5A, UNIT ONE,
SUB-SECTION 3 & 4
KANAWHA RIVER INTERCEPTORS,
PATRICK STREET TO ELK RIVER
CHARLESTON, W. VA.

The Sanitary Board of The City of Charleston, Charleston, West Virginia, will receive sealed bids for "Kanawha River Interceptors, Patrick Street to Elk River" until 2 P. M. Eastern Standard Time on the 18th day of December, 1953, at the office of The Sanitary Board, Room 15, City Building, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

ESTIMATED BID QUANTITIES

SUB-SECTION 3 Principal items
- 5400 lineal feet 60 inch diameter pipe sewer in tunnel, steel liner plate with concrete pipe lined and plain alternate.
- 400 lineal feet average 18" V.C.P. in tunnel regulator leads.
- 300 cubic yards regulator concrete.
- 390 vertical feet manholes.

SUB-SECTION 4 Principal items
- 3000 lineal feet 48" diameter pipe sewer in tunnel as in sub-section 3.
- 100 lineal feet 18" V.C.P. in tunnel.
- 20 cubic yards regulator concrete.
- 280 vertical feet manholes.
- Pool level or above.

Sand or clay strata. Cores and data for contractors information will be available in two weeks. Furnished as addenda, but not guaranteed by the owner.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory performance bond in the amount of 100 per cent of contract.

Liquidated damages for delay will be One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) per day for each calendar day beyond the date specified in the contract.

The contract documents, including plans and specifications are on file at the office of The Sanitary Board, City Building, Charleston, West Virginia, and at the office of Settle Engineers, Inc., 2nd Floor Peoples Building, Charleston, West Virginia, where they may be examined free of charge.

Copies of the documents may be obtained by depositing Forty Dollars ($40.00) with Settle Engineers, Inc., 2nd Floor Peoples Building, Charleston, West Virginia, for each set of documents so obtained. The amount of the deposit for one (1) set of documents will be refunded to each actual bidder who returns the plans and documents in good condition within five (5) days after the opening of bids.

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The Sanitary Board of The City of Charleston reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in bidding.

A certified check or cashier's check, payable to The Sanitary Board of The City of Charleston, West Virginia, or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and a surety company authorized to do business in West Virginia, in an amount of dollars at least equal to five per cent (5%) of the bid or an equal amount of U. S. Government Bonds, shall be submitted with each bid.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids, for at least sixty (60) days thereafter.

THE SANITARY BOARD OF THE
CITY OF CHARLESTON
By: F. Duane Hill, Secretary

Bids: December 10, 1953

Flashing and Roofing Repairs on Pier Shed, Columbia Street Pier Brooklyn, N. Y.

THE PORT OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY
CONTRACT O & M 204
PROPOSAL NO. 295

Sealed proposals for furnishing all labor, material and equipment necessary for flashing and roofing repairs on Pier Shed, Columbia Street Pier, Brooklyn, N. Y., will be received at the office of the Director of Purchase of The Port of New York Authority, Room 900, 111 8th Ave., New York 11, until 11:00 A. M. (E.S.T.) Thursday, December 10, 1953, at which time and place said proposals will be publicly opened and read.

Contract documents may be obtained upon request at the office of the Director of Purchase.

THE PORT OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY
Howard S. Cullman, Chairman

U. S. Government

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Bureau of Reclamation. Sealed bids (Specifications No. DC-4080) will be received at Albuquerque, New Mexico, until December 22, 1953, for furnishing labor and materials for earthwork, clearing and structures for rehabilitation of drains, Unit AE-1, Middle Rio Grande Project. Location: Vicinity of Albuquerque, Valencia and Bernalillo Counties, New Mexico. Principal items are: Lump sum, items for clearing, cleaning, and for removing existing structures for various reaches of drain; 125,250 cu. yds. excavation for diversion channel from borrow, and for structures; 1,464 lin. ft. furnishing and laying 18-inch to 54-inch CMP; 12,340 lbs., furnishing and installing metal slide gates; lump sum, constructing concrete transition for bifurcation structures; and other work. Completion time 165 days. For particulars, address Bureau of Reclamation, Albuquerque, New Mexico; or Building 53, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado.

W. A. DEXHEIMER, Commissioner

Contractors Watch This Section—

for new projects. Publish your announcements through the proposal sections of *Engineering News-Record* and get their bids.

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Bids: December 18, 1953

Contract C-22

OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION
139 East Gay Street
Columbus 15, Ohio

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Ohio Turnpike Commission at or before 10:00 A.M., Eastern Standard Time, December 18, 1953, for the performance of Contract C-22.

The work covered by the Contract consists generally of the construction of grading, drainage, structures and paving of approximately 4.5 miles in Construction Section 22 of Ohio Turnpike Project No. 1, beginning at a point about 1,695 feet west of Race Road at Turnpike Centerline Station 865+00 in Lorain County and extending eastwardly to a point about 500 feet east of the Lorain County-Cuyahoga County line at Turnpike Centerline Station 5+00 in Cuyahoga County, and the construction of an engineer's office building on or near the site of the work.

The principal structures to be built are six reinforced concrete box culverts, seven single steel-beam bridges of from three to five spans each, three twin steel-beam bridges and one twin plate girder bridge (each twin bridge consisting of two separate but nearly identical and parallel structures). The abutments of ten bridges are to be on steel piles, and the abutments of one bridge are to be spread footings. The bents of ten bridges are to be on spread footings and the bents of one bridge are to be supported on steel piles.

Approximate quantities of the major items of construction are as follows:

Roadway Excavation	101,000 cu. yds.
Borrow	1,818,000 cu. yds.
Structural Concrete	14,300 cu. yds.
Reinforcing Steel	2,207,500 lbs.
Fabricated Structural Steel	3,139,000 lbs.
10" Reinforced Concrete Pavement	143,000 sq. yds.

Copies of the Plans and General Specifications for said Contract are immediately available for public inspection or purchase at the office of the Chief Engineer, Ohio Turnpike Commission, 139 East Gay Street, Columbus 15, Ohio. These documents may be purchased from said Chief Engineer for the following sums, per set, which sums are non-returnable:

General Specifications for Ohio Turnpike Project No. 1	$ 5.00
Plans (also soil profiles and boring logs)	15.00
Cross Sections	25.00

Forms or copies of all remaining Contract Documents, including the Proposal for the above Contract; the Affidavit which must accompany the Proposal; this Notice to Bidders; the Special Provisions applying to said Contract; the Contract to be entered into with the successful Bidder; and the Contract Bond to be furnished with such Contract, will be furnished upon request and without charge to any interested person at the aforesaid Chief Engineer's office, on and after November 20, 1953.

All proposals must be on the form prescribed by the Commission and must comply with the terms and conditions set forth in the Contract Documents.

The Proposal must be accompanied by a certified check or checks on a solvent bank or banks, payable to the order of the Ohio Turnpike Commission in an amount not less than $100,000. The Commission may at any time cash any such check. Each such check or the proceeds thereof will be held by the Commission as a guaranty that, if any Proposal guaranteed thereby is accepted, a Contract will be entered into and the performance of the Proposal secured. Each such check or the proceeds thereof will be returned or forfeited as provided in paragraphs G-3.03 and G-3.06 of the aforesaid General Specifications.

All bids must be received at or before 10:00 A.M., Eastern Standard Time, December 18, 1953, in the offices of the Ohio Turnpike Commission, 139 East Gay Street, Columbus 15, Ohio. At said hour, the bid box will be removed to the Neil House Hotel, 41 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio, where all proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The award of the Contract, if any award be made, will be to the Bidder whose Proposal is lowest and best for the performance of the work, and complies with all the prescribed requirements. The Commission reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive technicalities.

OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION
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Bids: December 18, 1953

Contract C-60
Contract C-61
Contract C-62
Contract C-60 & 61
Contract C-61 & 62
Contract C-60, 61 & 62

OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION
139 East Gay Street
Columbus 15, Ohio

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Ohio Turnpike Commission at or before 10:00 A.M., Eastern Standard Time, December 18, 1953, for the performance of each of the contracts enumerated above.

The work covered by Contract C-60 consists generally of the construction of grading, drainage, structures and paving of approximately 3.0 miles of Ohio Turnpike Project No. 1, beginning at a point about 1,543 feet west of the intersection of the Turnpike centerline and Alternate Route 20 at Turnpike Centerline Station 530+00 and extending eastwardly to a point about .72 miles east of the Town line between Superior and Jefferson Townships at Turnpike Centerline Station 689+00, all in Williams County, and the construction of engineers' office building and facilities on or near the site of the work.

The work covered by Contract C-61 consists generally of the construction of grading, drainage, structures and paving of approximately 5.3 miles of Ohio Turnpike Project No. 1, beginning at a point about 2,522 feet east of Ricketts Bridge Road at Turnpike Centerline Station 248+00 and extending eastwardly to a point about 1,543 feet west of the intersection of the Turnpike centerline and Alternate Route 20 at Turnpike Centerline Station 530+00, all in Williams County, and the construction of engineers' office building and facilities on or near the site of the work.

The work covered by Contract C-62 consists generally of the construction of grading, drainage, structures and paving of approximately 4.6 miles of Ohio Turnpike Project No. 1, beginning at a point on the State line between Ohio and Indiana at Turnpike Centerline Station 7+90 and extending eastwardly to a point approximately 2,522 feet east of Ricketts Bridge Road at Turnpike Centerline Station 248+00, all in Williams County, and the construction of engineers' office building and facilities on or near the site of the work.

The work covered by Contracts C-60 & 61, C-61 & 62, and C-60, 61 & 62, which cover various combinations of Construction Sections 60, 61 and 62, is the construction as above generally described for the individual Construction Sections in each combination contract.

In Construction Section 60, the principal structures to be built are three single bridges, and two twin bridges (said twin bridges consisting of two separate but nearly identical and parallel structures). All of these bridges are steel beam bridges of from three to four spans each, supported on reinforced concrete abutments and bents. The abutments of all bridges and the bents of two bridges are to be on cast-in-place reinforced concrete piles and the bents of three bridges are to be on spread footings.

In Construction Section 61, the principal structures to be built are four box culverts and five single bridges. The five single bridge structures are steel beam bridges of from four to five spans each, supported on reinforced concrete abutments and bents. The abutments of all bridges are to be on cast-in-place reinforced concrete piles and the bents of all bridges are to be on spread footings.

In Construction Section 62, the principal structures to be built are five box culverts, three single bridges, and one twin bridge (said twin bridge consisting of two separate but nearly identical and parallel structures). All of these bridges are steel beam bridges of from three to four spans each, supported on reinforced concrete abutments and bents. The abutments for all bridges are to be on cast-in-place reinforced concrete piles and the bents of all bridges are to be on spread footings.

Approximate quantities of the major items of construction for Contract C-60 are as follows:

Roadway Excavation	257,400 cu. yds.
Borrow	122,500 cu. yds.
Structural Concrete	3,170 cu. yds.
Reinforcing Steel	455,900 lbs.
Structural Steel	981,000 lbs.
10" Reinforced Concrete Pavement	81,400 sq. yds.

Approximate quantities of the major items of construction for Contract C-61 are as follows:

Roadway Excavation	422,000 cu. yds.
Borrow	32,000 cu. yds.
Structural Concrete	3,840 cu. yds.
Reinforcing Steel	521,300 lbs.
Structural Steel	791,000 lbs.
10" Reinforced Concrete Pavement	150,400 sq. yds.

Approximate quantities of the major items of construction for Contract C-62 are as follows:

Roadway Excavation	616,000 cu. yds.
Structural Concrete	3,920 cu. yds.
Reinforcing Steel	565,000 lbs.
Structural Steel	556,000 lbs.
10" Reinforced Concrete Pavement	130,600 sq. yds.

Copies of the Plans and General Specifications for said Contracts are immediately available for public inspection or purchase at the office of the Chief Engineer, Ohio Turnpike Commission, 139 East Gay Street, Columbus 15, Ohio. These documents may be purchased from said Chief Engineer for the following sums, per set, which sums are non-returnable:

General Specifications for Ohio Turnpike Project No. 1	$ 5.00
Plans (also soil profiles and boring logs), per set, per construction section	15.00
Cross Sections, per set, per construction section	25.00

Forms or copies of all remaining Contract Documents, including Proposals for each of the Contracts set forth above, the Affidavit which must accompany any such Proposal, this Notice to Bidders, the Special Provisions applying to said Contracts, the Contract to be entered into with the (or each) successful Bidder, and the Contract Bond to be furnished with such Contract, will be furnished upon request and without charge to any interested person at the aforesaid Chief Engineer's office.

All Proposals must be on the form prescribed by the Commission and must comply with the terms and conditions set forth in the Contract Documents.

Each Proposal must be accompanied by a certified check or checks on a solvent bank or banks, payable to the order of the Ohio Turnpike Commission in an amount not less than $100,000 per Construction Section covered by the Contract on which the Bidder bids. If the Bidder shall tender bids for more than one Contract, said amount shall be not less than $100,000 per Construction Section covered by the Contracts on which he shall tender Proposals; provided, however, that if one or more Construction Sections are included in more than one Contract for which the Bidder shall tender Proposals, the Bidder need furnish only $100,000 per each such section, notwithstanding such duplication. The Commission may at any time cash any such check. Each such check or the proceeds thereof will be held by the Commission as a guaranty that, if any Proposal guaranteed thereby is accepted, a Contract will be entered into and the performance of the Proposal secured.

Each such check or the proceeds thereof will be returned or forfeited as provided in paragraphs G-3.03 and G-3.06 of the aforesaid General Specifications, provided that if there be a forfeiture, it shall be of an amount equal to $100,000 per Construction Section covered by the Proposal with respect to which the forfeiture occurs, and any excess will be returned to the Bidder.

All bids must be received at or before 10:00 A.M., Eastern Standard Time, December 18, 1953, in the offices of the Ohio Turnpike Commission, 139 East Gay Street, Columbus 15, Ohio. At said hour, the bid box will be removed to the Neil House Hotel, 41 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio, where Proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The award of any of the above-enumerated Contracts, if any award be made, will be to the Bidder or Bidders whose Proposal or combination of Proposals is lowest and best for the performance of the work, taken as a whole, and complies with all the prescribed requirements. The Commission reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive technicalities.

OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION
CD—11/13,20/53

OFFICIAL PROPOSALS

Bids: December 3, 1953

New York State Road Work

STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ALBANY, N. Y.—Pursuant to the provisions of the Highway Law, and Article 2, Title 9 of the Public Authorities Law, and special provisions for projects financed with Federal Aid funds, sealed proposals will be received until ten-thirty o'clock A.M., eastern standard time, on the 3rd. day of December 1953, by Henry A. Cohen, Director, Bureau of Contracts and Accounts, 14th Floor, The Governor Alfred E. Smith State Office Building, Albany, N. Y., for the following projects:

County	Contract No.	Name	Miles	Type	Deposit	Estimated Cost of Work
		DISTRICT No. 1				
		G. L. Nickerson, District Engineer, 353 Broadway, Albany, N. Y.				
Albany	C.T. 53-13	New York State Thruway—Catskill Section-Subd. 3A (Southern Boulevard Interchange)		Water Main and Sanitary Sewer	$4,000 Plans $10	$77,000
Washington	FARC 53-130	Cambridge-Salem Pt. 2, S.H. 5293 Proj. F-570(5)	0.39	8" Cem. Conc. Pavt. 22' Wide.	$5,000 Plans $10	86,000
		DISTRICT No. 8				
		J. S. Bixby, District Engineer, Pleasant Valley Road, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.				
Rockland	H.T. 53-10 R.C. 53-121 S.T. 53-33	New York State Thruway—Hudson Section-Subd. 9A (Nyack Approach to Tappan Zee Bridge); Nyack Interchange; Access Ramps; New Jersey State Line-Nyack Pts. 3 and 4, S.H. 8136-5682; Nyack Village: Main St., S.H. 8459; Knapps Corners-Nyack, S.H. 5178 and Nine Misc. Secondary Cross Rds. Including Relocation of R.R. Tracks	4.46 Acc. 1.57 Thy.	9" Cem. Conc. Pavt. 2 @ 37' Wide = 1.57 Mi. 9" Unreinf. Cem. Var. Wd. Conc. Pavt. = 3.07 Mi. Asp. Conc. Ty. 1A, Opt. = 0.78 Mi. R.R. Relocation = 0.56 Mi. Misc. Work = 0.05 Mi. 6 Hy. Seps. Comp. I-Beams 227.2', 60.2', 180.8', 215.6', 180.3', and 290.8' R.R. Sep. Comp. I-Beam and Thru Gird. 286.3'	$400,000 Plans $100	7,721,000
Rockland	H.T. 53-12	New York State Thruway—Hudson Section-Subd. 8 (Suffern Nyack Pt. 1)	0.21	9" Cem. Conc. Pavt. 2@ 37' Wide = 0.19 Mi. Misc. Work = 0.02 Mi. R.R. Hy. Sep. Comp. I-Beams and Girders 787.2'	$156,000 Plans $25	2,850,000
Westchester	H.T. 53-13 S.T. 53-35	New York State Thruway—Hudson Section-Subd. 10 (Tuckahoe Road-Tarrytown, Pt. 2); Access Ramps; Mountain Road	0.73 Acc. 0.42 Thy.	9" Cem. Conc. Pavt. 2 @ 37' Wide = 0.42 Mi. 9" Unreinf. Cem. Conc. Pavt. Var. Wide = 0.73 Mi. Hy. Sep. Comp. I-Beams and Girder 477.3' Hy. R.R. Sep. Comp. Girder 750.3'	$180,000 Plans $50	3,309,000
Westchester	P.S.C. 4678-5777	Elimination of Grade Crossing of N.Y.C.R.R. and Mt. Kisco Village: Main Street, S.H. 865, South Street and Hubbels Crossing	1.70	8" Cem. Conc. Pavt. 30'-44' Wide = 0.29 Mi. Asp. Conc. Ty. 1A, Opt. = 0.52 Mi. Misc. Work = 0.13 Mi. R.R. Track Work = 0.76 Mi. 3 R.R. Seps. Comp. I-Beams 56.3', 60' and 124'	$90,000 Plans $50	1,667,000
		DISTRICT No. 9				
		F. W. Donovan, District Engineer, 71 Frederick St., Binghamton, N. Y.				
Delaware	53 BWS 2-3-3A-3B-3C-3CT-4	N. Y. City: Board of Water Supply Road No. 3 (Pepacton Reservoir) and Roads Nos. 2, 4, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3CT	5.72	Bit. Mac. Ty. 1 (Pen. Meth.) = 5.70 Mi. Misc. Work = 0.02 Mi.	$95,000 Plans $25	$1,605,000

Maps, plans, specifications and proposal forms may be seen and obtained at the office of the State Department of Public Works, Bureau of Contracts and Accounts, Albany, N. Y., and at the office of the District Engineers noted above, and may also be seen at the office of the State Department of Public Works, 270 Broadway, New York City.

The deposit for Plans and Proposal Forms for each contract is indicated above. A refund will be made in full to bidders for return of one set, in good condition, within 30 days of award, or rejection of bids; refund for all other sets in good condition, similar period, will be 50% of deposit.

Special attention of bidders is called to "General Information for Bidders" in the proposal, specification, and contract agreement, and to the special provisions applying to projects financed with federal funds. Award of a contract is subject to priorities and allocations under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, and all regulations issued thereunder.

Proposal for each contract must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope with the name and number of the contract plainly endorsed on the outside of the envelope. Each proposal must be accompanied by draft or certified check payable to the order of the "State of New York, Commissioner of Taxation and Finance" for the sum as specified in the advertisement and the proposal. The retention and disposal of the bidding check, the execution of the contract and bonds shall conform to the provisions of the Highway Law, as set forth in "Instructions to Bidders."

When optional types are permitted on contracts with federal funds, bidders must state in the space provided in the proposal the exact designation of the optional type upon which the proposal is predicated.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

B. D. TALLAMY
Supt. of Public Works

Bids: December 8, 1953

Construction of Overpass

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
TRENTON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the State Highway Department for:

PALISADES INTERSTATE PARKWAY, SEC. 1-N
OVERPASS AT ROUTE U. S. 9W

Construction of Overpass at Route U. S. 9W, Palisades Interstate Parkway, Section 1-N, Borough of Alpine, Bergen County. The principal items of work are: Estimated:

10,420 lin. ft. Steel H. Bearing Piles
2,580 cu. yds Concrete in Structures
47,815 lbs. Reinforcing Steel in Structures
182,500 lbs. Structural Steel

Bids for the above will be received at the office of the State Highway Department, Assembly Room, Room 140, in the State Highway Office Building, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey, on Tuesday, December 8, 1953, at eleven o'clock (11:00 A.M.—EASTERN STANDARD TIME), and will be opened and read immediately thereafter.

The receipt and opening of bids is subject to the proper qualification of the bidder in accordance with the provisions of the prequalification law and the regulations adopted by the State Highway Commissioner. Bidders must also submit a revised financial statement and statement of plant and equipment with their bid.

Drawings, specifications and form of bid, contract and bond for the proposed work are on file in the office of the State Highway Department, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey, and may be inspected by prospective bidders during office hours. Plans will be furnished on a deposit of Ten Dollars ($10.00) for each set of plans upon application to A. Lee Grover, Chief Clerk, State Highway Department, Room 139, State Highway Office Building, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey. Bids must be made upon the standard proposal forms in the manner designated in the standard State Highway specifications and must be enclosed in sealed special addressed envelopes bearing the name and address of the bidder and work bid upon on the outside, and must be accompanied by a certified check drawn to the order of the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey for not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid, provided that the said certified check shall not be less than $500.00 nor more than $20,000.00 and must be delivered at the above place on or before the hour named. Copies of the standard proposal forms and special addressed envelopes will be furnished on application. Bids not enclosed in sealed special addressed envelopes will be considered informal and will not be opened. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

Signed:
STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
A. Lee Grover, Chief Clerk

Bids: December 8, 1953

Paving of Bridge Approaches

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
TRENTON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the State Highway Department for:

RT. 25 (1927), U.S. 130 (1953), SEC. 2-F
BLACKS CREEK BRIDGE APPROACHES PAVING

Route 25 (1927) Route U.S. 130 (1953), Section 2-F, Blacks Creek Bridge Approaches, Paving, Bordentown Township, Burlington County. Length 0.236 miles. The principal items of work are: Estimated:

3,100 cu. yds. Roadway Excavation-Earth
1,100 sq. yds. 7" Macadam Base
400 tons Bituminous Concrete Pavement, Type MA-BC-1 and 2
3,400 sq. yds. 10" Rein. Conc. Pavement
450 lin. ft. 18" Rein. Conc. Pipe
1,500 lin. ft. Concrete Curb

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Signed:
STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
A. Lee Grover, Chief Clerk

Bids: December 17, 1953

Drive Chains, Pinions, Sprockets, Chain Cases, Oil Disks and Oil Pumps

THE PORT OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY
PROPOSAL NO. 296

Sealed proposals for furnishing all labor, material and equipment necessary for the supplying of chains, pinions, sprockets, chain cases, oil disks and oil pumps for the Holland Tunnel will be received at the office of the Director of Purchase of The Port of New York Authority, Room 900, 111 8th Ave., New York 11, until 11:00 A.M. (E.S.T.) Thursday, December 17, 1953, at which time and place said proposals will be publicly opened and read.

Contract documents may be obtained upon request at the office of the Director of Purchase.

THE PORT OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY
Howard S. Cullman, Chairman

CIVIL ENGINEERS

Work on hydro-electric power developments. Write giving full experience record, qualifications and salary desired.

HARZA ENGINEERING COMPANY
400 West Madison St., Chicago 6, Illinois

REPLIES (Box No.): Address to office nearest you
NEW YORK: 330 W. 42nd St. (36)
CHICAGO: 520 N. Michigan Ave. (11)
SAN FRANCISCO: 68 Post St. (4)

POSITIONS VACANT

WANTED—BUILDING Construction Estimator —By old established North Jersey Company —Must be experienced with emphasis on Industrial Construction. Must have engineering background and be able to handle the complete estimate. Excellent Salary — Profit Sharing — Opportunity to advance — Age 32-42. P-9232, Engineering News-Record.

STAFF ASSISTANT to General Superintendent for combination structural fabricating and structural steel warehousing organizing of medium size in Western Pennsylvania. Practical background in administrative controls such as production planning, scheduling, cost reports; materials storage, layout, work measurement, methods improvement. Persuasive ability to really plug ideas for improvement to "hard-to-sell" superintendent and department managers. Excellent salary and company benefits which include company paid group insurance and hospitalization, sick leave and annual paid vacation. Write giving age, education, experience, personal qualifications. P-9695, Engineering News-Record.

WANTED: CIVIL Engineer, graduate with between five and ten years general surveying experience with heavy exposure to property surveys. Permanent position offering excellent growth potentialities with firmly established company emphasizing photo grammetric engineering and cadastral mapping services. Location—Northeastern United States. Write full particulars, including education, availability, experience, career objectives, and salary requirements to P-9632, Engineering News-Record.

WANTED—RECENT civil or mechanical engineering graduates. General field of municipal water supply. Permanent position with annual increase in salary and bonus. Profit Sharing Plan. Frequent change in location necessary. P-9768, Engineering News-Record.

DRAFTSMAN WANTED—Experienced for detailing miscellaneous and/or structural steel by Bushnell Steel Company. P. O. Box 2579, Jacksonville, Florida. Reply giving brief resume of experience, education, availability, and salary expected.

ESTIMATOR—PRINCIPAL duties—Quantity Take-off. Experienced on Public Works, Institutional, Educational and Industrial Buildings, Bridges and related construction. Permanent position, excellent salary. Location, Maryland, state education, experience, age, references and availability. P-9854, Engineering News-Record.

OFFICE PROJECT Engineer 30-40 for contractor specializing in competitive bidding public buildings. Position requires job expediting, purchasing, and checking details. Graduate engineer or architect preferred. Stanley W. Newman Co., Mobile, Alabama.

WANTED: CHIEF Draftsman for structural steel fabricating & ornamental iron shops. Prefer man with at least 5 years actual experience, must know drafting room and shop standards and costs, also capable of handling 10 or more draftsmen. Give resume of experience, age and salary. Write Peden Steel Company, Raleigh, N. C.

SELLING OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED

SALES ENGINEERS—Albany, New York and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with established national concern selling prefabricated metal products to engineering and construction markets. Position offered is permanent and presents excellent future with aggressive, progressive and expanding organization. Engineering degree desirable. Previous sales experience unnecessary. Age 24 to 30. SW-8254, Engineering News-Record.

WANTED—SALESMAN to sell Office Trailers to Contractors. Must be experienced in selling to Contractors. Not over 40 years of age. Contact A. V. Williams, Box 145, Baltimore 20, Maryland.

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MATERIALS INSPECTORS WANTED

By the Tennessee Valley Authority for inspection of major electrical and mechanical equipment and materials at manufacturing plants located in cities such as Birmingham, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, Schenectady and Chicago.
Work includes inspection of material and equipment during all stages of manufacture, witnessing factory tests, conferring with shop officials, and preparing reports on inspection progress and test results.
Persons having experience in actual inspection work in factories producing materials and equipment used in construction of hydro and steam electric generating plants are desired.
Entrance salaries are $4575 and $5450 a year for 40 hour week. Vacation, sick leave, and retirement benefits.

Write to the
TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY
Division of Personnel
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

BRIDGE DESIGNERS — DRAFTSMEN

Experience required in Structural Design and preparation of drawings for Steel or Concrete. Excellent opportunity to work on a long program including all types of Bridges. Location in Harrisburg, Penna., with excellent living conditions. Include experience and salary requirements in first letter.

Gannett, Fleming, Corddry & Carpenter, Inc.
Box 366 Harrisburg, Penna.

WANTED
EXPERIENCED GENERAL SUP'T.

On heavy construction in the East, able to take charge from estimating to completion. 1ST rate only. State experience and when available.

P-9733, Engineering News-Record
330 W 42 St., New York 36, N. Y.

WANTED: TUNNEL SUP'T.

By Philadelphia Concern. Experienced from bidding to completion. State qualifications and salary.

P-9730, Engineering News-Record
330 W. 42 St., New York 36, N. Y.

STRUCTURAL STEEL DETAILERS AND CHECKERS WANTED

Pay above average, vacation with pay, steady work, modern air-conditioned offices. Company est. 33 years. Send detailed information.

THE MARYLAND STEEL PRODUCTS CO.
P. O. Box 1997
Baltimore 3, Maryland

WANTED
EXPERIENCED ESTIMATOR

On general heavy construction in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. State experience and salary.

P-9727, Engineering News-Record
330 W. 42 St., New York 36, N. Y.

EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

NATIONAL ARCHITECTURAL MAGAZINE
Young man with engineering or architectural background to handle new products, and technical articles. Some experience preferred. Good opportunity for advancement. State age, experience, and salary required.

P-9663, Engineering News-Record
330 W. 42 St., New York 36, N. Y.

GOLD COAST, TEMA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Vacancies exist in the Senior staff of the Corporation, which has been established by Ordinance for the purpose of planning and developing the New Town of Tema.

(1) Appointments will normally be on contract for two tours of 18 to 24 months each in the first instance, or for five years in the case of indigenous staff.

(2) Overseas officers will be entitled to seven days leave exclusive of travelling time) on full pay for each completed month of residential service; African Senior Officers will receive five days leave on full pay for each completed month of service.

(3) Free return passages by sea (first class) or air will be provided for overseas officers each tour, and passages for a wife and up to three children under the age of 13 years will also be provided. Free rail travel to and from the port of embarkation when travelling to or from the Gold Coast is also allowed.

(4) It is intended to establish a Provident Fund, to which each officer may expect to have to contribute 10% of his salary, the Corporation contributing at least an equal amount. Pending the establishment of the Fund, gratuities will be paid as follows for each completed three months of satisfactory service.

Officers on salaries of £700–£999: £25.
Officers on salaries of £1000 & above: £37.10s.

(5) Quarters (partially furnished) are provided for overseas officers in Accra, at the following rentals:

Salaries up to £1350 — £ 60 per annum
" £1351 to £1850 — £ 75 per annum
" £1851 to £2400 — £ 90 per annum
" £2401 to £2650 — £120 per annum
over £2650 — £150 per annum

When the Corporation moves to Tema, officers will be expected to make their own arrangements.

(6) Free medical attention will be given to officers and their families.

(7) Officers required to use motor-cars in the course of duty will be paid a monthly maintenance allowance and mileage.

(8) Income Tax in the Gold Coast is at rates considerably lower than those in the United Kingdom.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the following vacancies:

A. Chief Engineer. (Salary—£2500 p.a.)
Candidates, who must be graduates (B.Sc. (Eng.) or other recognised Engineering degree) and be Associate members of the Institute of Civil Engineers or of the Institution of Municipal Engineers, should have had considerable municipal experience or experience in New Town Development.

B. Engineers.
Vacancies also exist in the following Engineering branches: Civil, Mechanical, Electrical and Structural. Candidates must possess a B.Sc. (Eng.) or other recognized Engineering Degree i.e. a degree giving exemption from Sections A and B of the relevant Institutions examinations, or must have passed Sections A and B of the examinations of the relevant Institution and must have at least 5 years practical experience after qualifying. Municipal experience, or experience in New Towns, is desirable. The following are the relevant Institutions:

Civil Engineers:	Institute of Civil Engineers; Institution of Municipal Engineers.
Mechanical Engineers:	Institution of Mechanical Engineers.
Electrical Engineers:	Institution of Electrical Engineers.
Structural Engineers:	Institution of Structural Engineers.

or comparable foreign qualifications.
The salary for this grade is on a Scale £1000 x 40—£1200. Opportunities will arise for promotion to the grade of **SENIOR ENGINEER** in the scale £1300 x 50—£1500. In these grades overseas pay (£325–£350) is payable.

C. Chief Architect and Town Planner.
(Salary—£2500 p.a.)
Candidates must be A.R.I.B.A. and A.M.T.P.I., or have equivalent qualifications and must have had considerable municipal or New Town experience.
Vacancies also exist in the following grades viz.—
Assistant Architects. (Salary—£700 x 30—£910) must be students of the R.I.B.A.
Architects. (Salary £1000 x 40—£1200) must be A.R.I.B.A., or hold a degree or diploma which is accepted as equivalent to having passed Sections A and B of the Institute's examination, and have reached the age of 28 years. Membership of the Town Planning Institute would be an advantage. Opportunities will exist for promotion to the grade of **SENIOR ARCHITECT** (Salary £1300 x 50—£1500). In these grades Overseas Pay (£175–£250) is payable.

APPLICATIONS: Persons resident in the United Kingdom and Europe should apply to the Commissioner for the Gold Coast, Millbourne House, Aldwych, London, W. C. 2, for a form of application, while other applicants should send full details of age qualifications and experience and arrange, if possible, for a testimonial from present and/or recent employers to be sent to the Commissioner.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

SALARIED PERSONNEL, $3,000-$25,000. This confidential service, established 1929, is geared to needs of high grade men who seek a change of connection under conditions assuring, if employed, full protection to present position. Send name and address only for details. Personal consultation invited. Jira Shayer Jennings, Dept. L, 241 Orange St., New Haven, Conn.

POSITIONS WANTED

DESIGN ENGINEER, 22 yrs. varied experience on large irrigation works (18 yrs. with U. S. Bur. of Rec.). Experience includes extensive hydraulic and concrete design; cost and quantity estimates, preparation of cost and progress reports; material expediting; training and supervising men in this work. Two years as Chief Design Engineer for multimillion dollar project in South America. Detailed experience record upon request. PW-9751, Engineering News-Record.

SUCCESSFUL CONSTRUCTION man, age 40, is interested in relieving you of most or all of your construction problems on grading, paving, drainage on highways, airdromes, floodwalls, etc., as top level supervisor. Reply PW-9750, Engineering News-Record.

ESTIMATOR AND Construction Superintendent on Roads, Parkways, Drainage and Sewers. Twenty-five years experience. Bidding and subcontract negotiation. Available on short notice. PW-9657, Engineering News-Record.

SUPERINTENDENT CONSTRUCTIONS, broad experience 25 years varied types of projects. Anywhere. Engineer. PW-9660, Engineering News-Record.

PROJECT MANAGER available Graduate Civil Engineer BSCE with early experience design in Sanitary field also 20 years experience South America in responsible charge construction large projects involving water works, sewers, pavements, piers, port works, foundations. PW-9662, Engineering News-Record.

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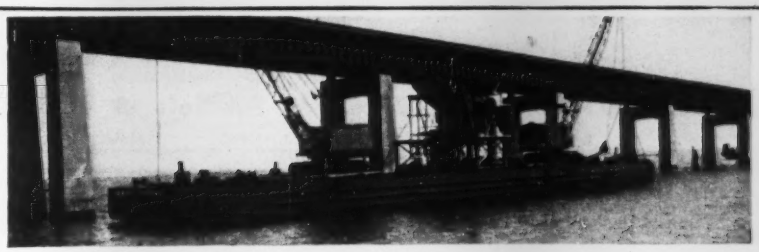

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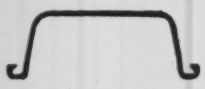

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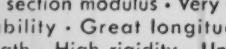

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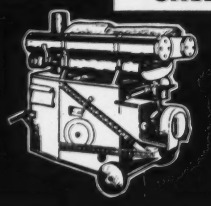

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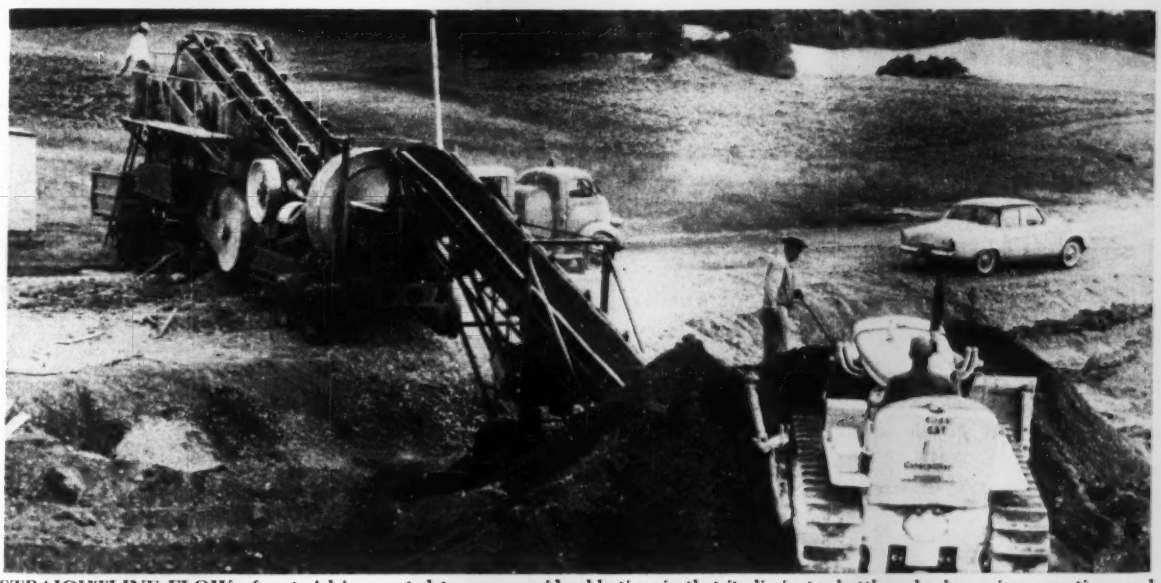

STRAIGHTLINE FLOW of material is reported to save considerable time in that it eliminates bottlenecks, bypassing operations and double scalping. Plant conveyor belts are 30 in. wide to match the high productivity of the rest of the plant.

New portable crushing plant boasts high production rate

The All American 77 is a high capacity crushing and screening plant that is completely mobile for highway transportation. Recent field tests are reported to show it capable of producing more than 350 tons per hour of ¾-in. or smaller aggregate.

Much of this high productivity is attributed to the straight line operation of the plant, but helping also is the oversized star gear roll crusher. This 36x22-in. unit is designed to crush 2½-in. material to ¾-in. aggregate and thereby relieve the 10x36-in. jaw crusher of preparing material to 1¾ in. for crushing in a smaller set of rolls. Similarly, a 4x12-ft, 2½-deck vibrating screen allows considerable screening area and is said to provide better segregation of aggregates. To speed transfer of materials within the plant, all conveyors employ 30-in. wide conveyor belts. Rotor lift is two feet wide and has a 7-foot diameter.

Another feature of the plant is the hydraulic mechanism for raising and lowering the vibrating screen to and from travel position. Operation of a hand control on the operator's platform saves considerable time and effort in setting up and dismantling.

A side-mounted power unit drives the plant through a spline shaft—power is distributed by guarded V-belt drives wherever possible. Control of the unit is maintained from an operator's platform mounted to afford a full view of the plant.

The entire plant is mounted on an electrically welded goose-necked trailer provided with a fifth wheel plate and pin on the front and two axles and equalizer on the rear. A folding delivery conveyor allows room for the tractor cab while traveling.

Road weight of the unit is 64,000 lb —within most legal weight limits.

As optional equipment, the plant can be furnished with either single or double axle front dolly, sand rejector, chip eliminator and mechanical, air or vacuum brakes on the four rear wheels. DIAMOND IRON WORKS, INC., 1748 N. SECOND ST., MINNEAPOLIS 11, MINN.

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OPERATOR'S PLATFORM, the control center for the crushing and screening operations, is mounted to afford a full view of the entire plant. It is from there that the vibrating screen may be raised or lowered hydraulically to and from travel position.

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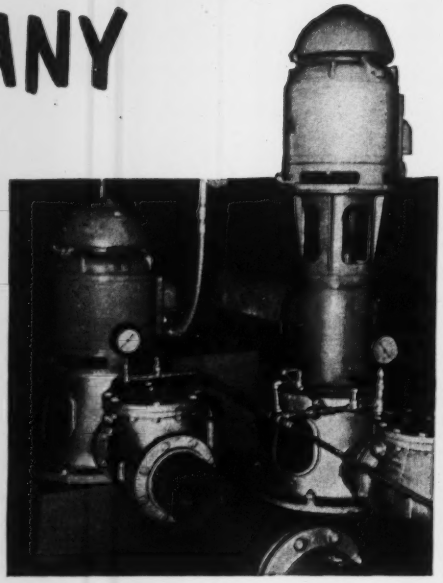

Construction of Deming Vertical Turbine Pumps permits almost unlimited combinations of standard components to meet specific requirements. In the example illustrated, two Deming Turbine Pumps are ready for any emergency. Depending upon requirements, these units can be operated separately, or as a team to meet peak load demands. Pump shown at right is direct-connected to a steam turbine for instant action in case of electric power failure. Write for illustrated BULLETIN No. 4700.

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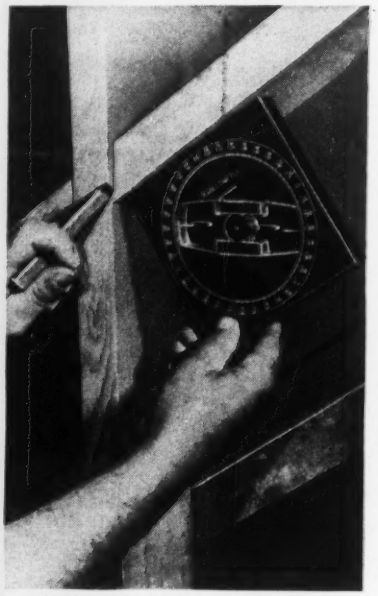

Combination instrument figures the angles

A new combination tool can be of aid in figuring and laying out roof framing, leveling floors and foundations and for rough surveying of banks, ditches, etc.

The instrument is 6 in. square and ¾ in. thick. A circle on the front face is graduated in degrees and is used in conjunction with a rotating indicator.

In leveling, the instrument is placed on edge on a beam running between two supports. The indicator is rotated until one of the level bubbles built into the indicator shows that the plane of the indicator is horizontal. After this the angle of the beam may be read from the graduated circle and with this information plus the distance between supports, the difference in support levels (in inches) may be read from a table on the reverse side of the instrument.

Roof framing is simplified by setting the angle of roof pitch on the instrument and positioning the rafter by leveling the indicator bubble.

The device may be used also as an adjustable square. The desired angle is set with the indicator and circle; projecting tabs on the indicator are then placed so that they ride on the edge of the lumber to be cut.

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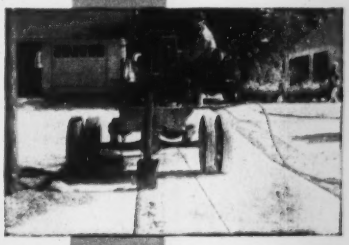

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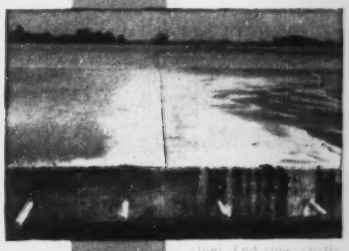

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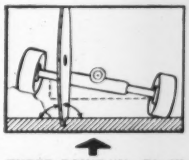

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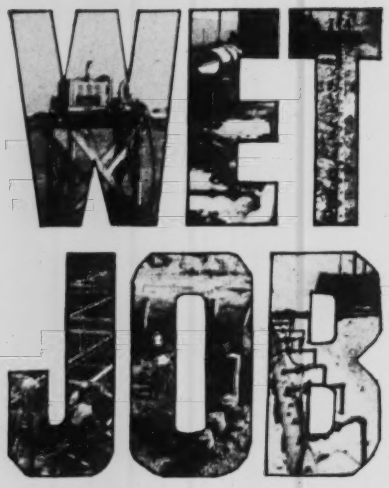

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Weight is reduced on load transfer assembly

A new load transfer assembly weighs only 4½ lb per lineal foot or 54½ lb in 12½ ft lengths—a little more than half the weight of units at present employed. It is easily handled, placed and staked by one man yet is designed to carry heavier loads than standard road and airbase dowel and load transfer assemblies.

On the unit the rod frame acts as a working member, helping to distribute the traffic load through the entire end of the concrete slab in which the assembly is used. Stress reducing coils are an integral part that helps prevent crushing of the concrete at the critical face of the joint.

Although the Richmond dowel is only 6 in. long versus conventional 18-in. dowels, laboratory tests are reported to show that the new unit is stronger—deflection is one-third less than standard under a 10,000-lb load.

LIGHT weight permits one-man handling.

The new assemblies are now installed at Idlewild Airport in New York and are soon to be used in a highway project. All factors considered, cost is competitive with ordinary road joints, and the assemblies may be used for either contraction or expansion joints. RICHMOND SCREW ANCHOR CO., INC., 816 LIBERTY AVE., BROOKLYN 8, N. Y.

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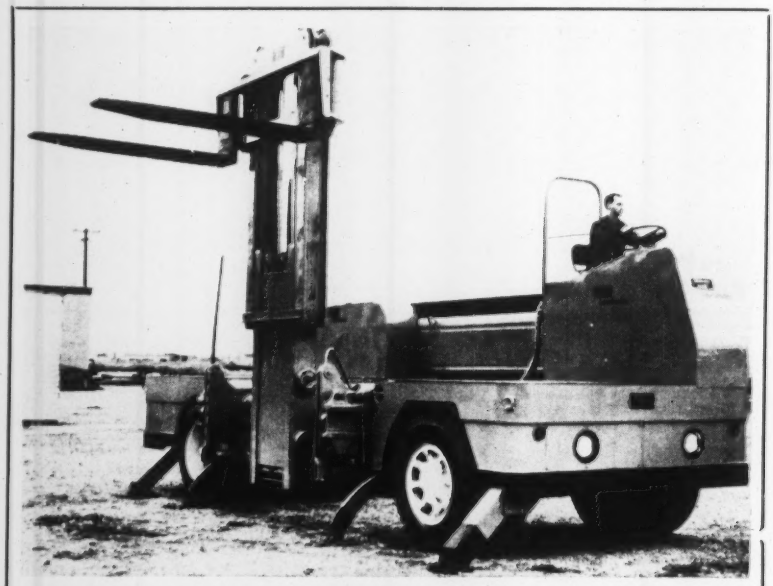

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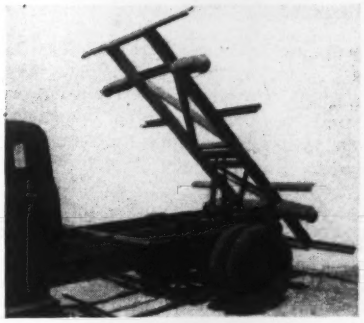

Three-way dumping hoist eliminates truck jockeying

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The three-way hoist comes in a self-contained unit that includes structural steel stringers and underbed reinforcing. The complete unit is bolted to the bed and truck frame. Changing the dump position is accomplished in thirty seconds by altering the position of the anchoring pivot pins. The bed can also be locked for rough hauling of shifting loads.

The unit also includes a ball bearing mounted gear pump and cab controls. NORWELD, INC., LOVELAND, COLO.

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The tape has a tacky, adhesive back so that it may be thumbed into cracks and crevices, but it can be painted over immediately after application.

PRC 620 tapes are available in a variety of widths and in ⅛, ¼ and ½-in. thicknesses—¼in. oval beads are also obtainable. PRODUCTS RESEARCH CO., 3126 LOS FELIZ BLVD., LOS ANGELES 39, CALIF.

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Filter bed distributors—A new 20-page bulletin describes Dorrco distributor type, size and capacities, operating and mechanical features and applications to both high and low rate trickling filter treatment. Also included are photographs of actual installations as well as cutaways and wash drawings illustrating mechanical details. The self-propelled machine is available in sizes ranging from 20 to 200 ft in diameter and capable of handling 60 to 22,000 gpm. The distinguishing mechanical features of the unit include a quick opening dump gate at the end of each arm to permit easy flushing, adjustable orifice slots to allow final flow regulation and minimize clogging and a positive air seal to protect the mercury seal between the rotating and fixed elements from physical contact with sewage. Bulletin No. 6300, THE DORRCO DISTRIBUTOR. THE DORR CO., BARRY PL., STAMFORD, CONN.

Hand hoists—Yale Load King hand hoists, with capacities from ½ to 2 tons, are described and illustrated in Bulletin P-1254A. Illustrated are design features such as the load brake, steel safety load hook, steel load sheave, non-fouling hand chain guide and one-piece hand wheel. The 8-page booklet also points out the hoist's advantages of unusually light weight and up to 95% efficiency for faster and easier lifting.—THE YALE & TOWNE MFG. CO., ROOSEVELT BLVD. & HALDEMAN ST., PHILADELPHIA 15, PA.

Hydraulic truck gate—A new bulletin pictures the improved Heiloader elevating truck tailgate in various stages of operation. A large, detailed photograph illustrates the safety features of the new tailgate. Complete specifications for all types of installations are given. Bulletin BH-53105.—THE HEIL CO., 3000 W. MONTANA ST., MILWAUKEE 1, WIS.

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EDITORIALS

Competent inspection is the lesson

THE CAUSE OF THE COLLAPSE last July of a four-story "flat-plate" office building in Scarsdale, N. Y., while concrete was being placed for the fourth floor, may never be known with certainty. Testimony submitted to the Westchester County grand jury cannot be revealed. Furthermore, the various consultants engaged to investigate the collapse are constrained not to discuss their findings. Engineers who had hoped to learn from this mishap have a right to be disappointed by this state of affairs.

This is particularly galling since the grand jury's presentment stated that "there existed in said structure at the time of the collapse certain defects in design, material and construction which may have caused or contributed to the collapse" (ENR Nov. 19, p. 26). With this statement as background, and the additional grand jury opinion that "they (the defects) could have been averted by more adequate over-all engineering or professional supervision and inspection," it is evident that conjecture as to what triggered the failure can cover a wide range.

Conjecture without more knowledge would, however, be useless. A better way to gain a valuable lesson is merely to take the Scarsdale case as a warning, and to consider flat-plate type of design and construction in general. What, for example, can be done wrong on buildings of this type that might threaten their safety?

The first thing to be noted is that there are certain well-known critical requirements that must be fully met if this relatively new type of reinforced concrete construction is to function satisfactorily. These requirements include: provision of foundations not subject to relative movement; adequate reinforcement of the floor and roof slabs, particularly that it be properly positioned and of correct length for bending moment, shear and diagonal tension; columns capable of resisting possible bending moments as well as direct loads; concrete of specified strength; and adequate shoring of forms and re-shoring of floors that support the load of shores from higher levels. Failure to satisfy any one of these requirements can lead to failure of the structure.

In the circumstances of a type of construction so sensitive to design or construction errors, adequate inspection thus becomes a matter of paramount importance. Flat-plate floors, for example, are continuous over their supports, so that uneven settlement of foundations can create high stresses. Provision must be made in the design to resist these —generally an uneconomic measure—or the designer must assume no relative movement of supports, and field conditions must satisfy this assumption. This is an obligation of field inspection.

Flat-plate floors, it may be noted further, are relatively shallow. Consequently, small dimensional errors, such as in thickness of slab or location of reinforcing steel, are much more serious than for beam-and-slab construction. Length of reinforcing steel requires special attention because of the uncertainty of the exact location of inflection points. Checking these dimensions is another obligation of field inspection.

In flat-plate design, having concrete meet design specifications is highly important. Obviously, if the concrete is loaded before it has attained sufficient strength, or if the strength is not up to expectations, a failure during construction—when loads may be greater than when the structure is in service—is not surprising. Moreover, a widespread collapse is more likely to occur with flat-plate construction than with flat-slab or beam-and-slab construction, because flat plates have fewer "strong points." Similarly, it is highly important that design assumptions for loading be satisfied, principally that the forms be adequately shored and the slabs below re-shored. Field inspection is indispensable in preventing mishaps due to violation of these assumptions.

If one prime lesson, therefore, is to be drawn from the Scarsdale collapse, it is contained in the grand jury emphasis on "over-all engineering or professional supervision and inspection." Design must, of course, be competent, but the requirements of translating plans into structures are so exacting with flat-plate construction that more than ordinary precautions must be observed in the field. Continuous and competent inspection is the final safeguard against failure.

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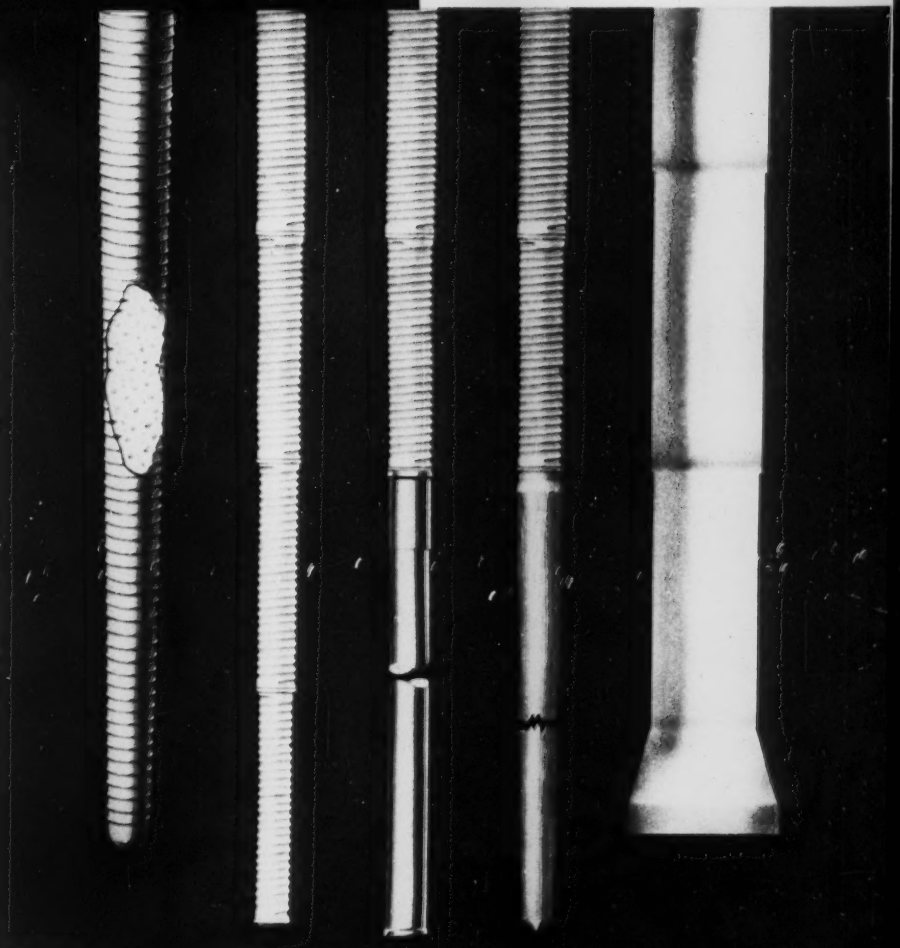

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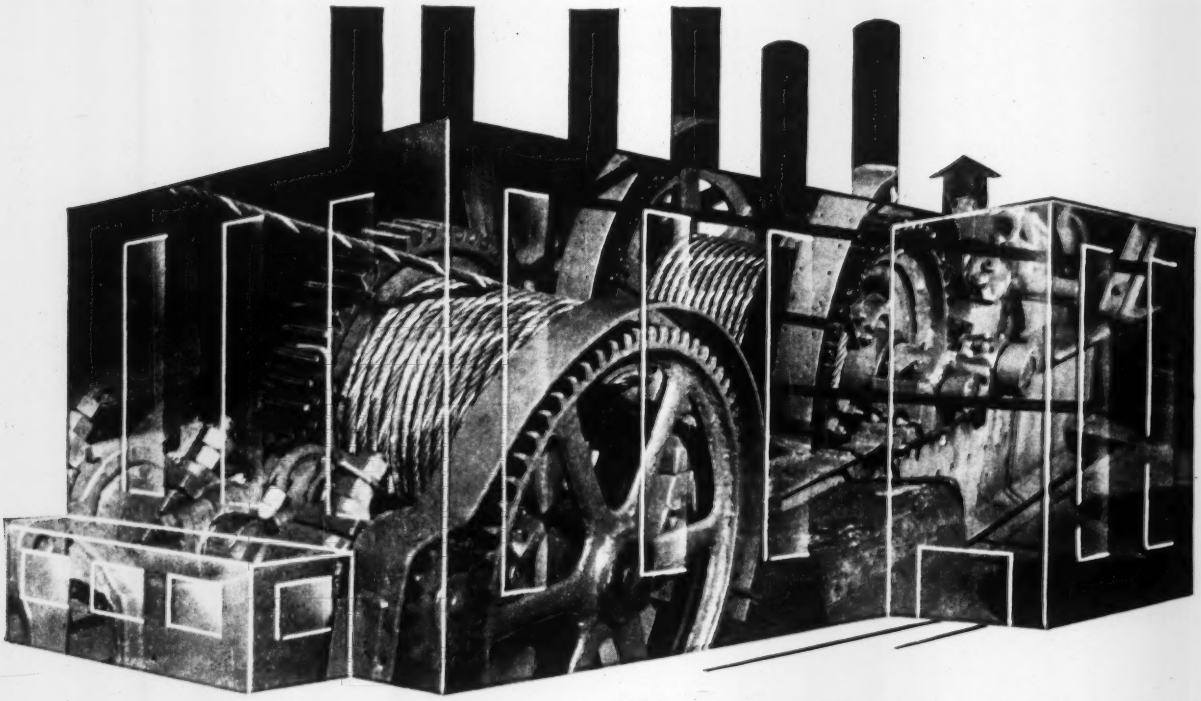

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